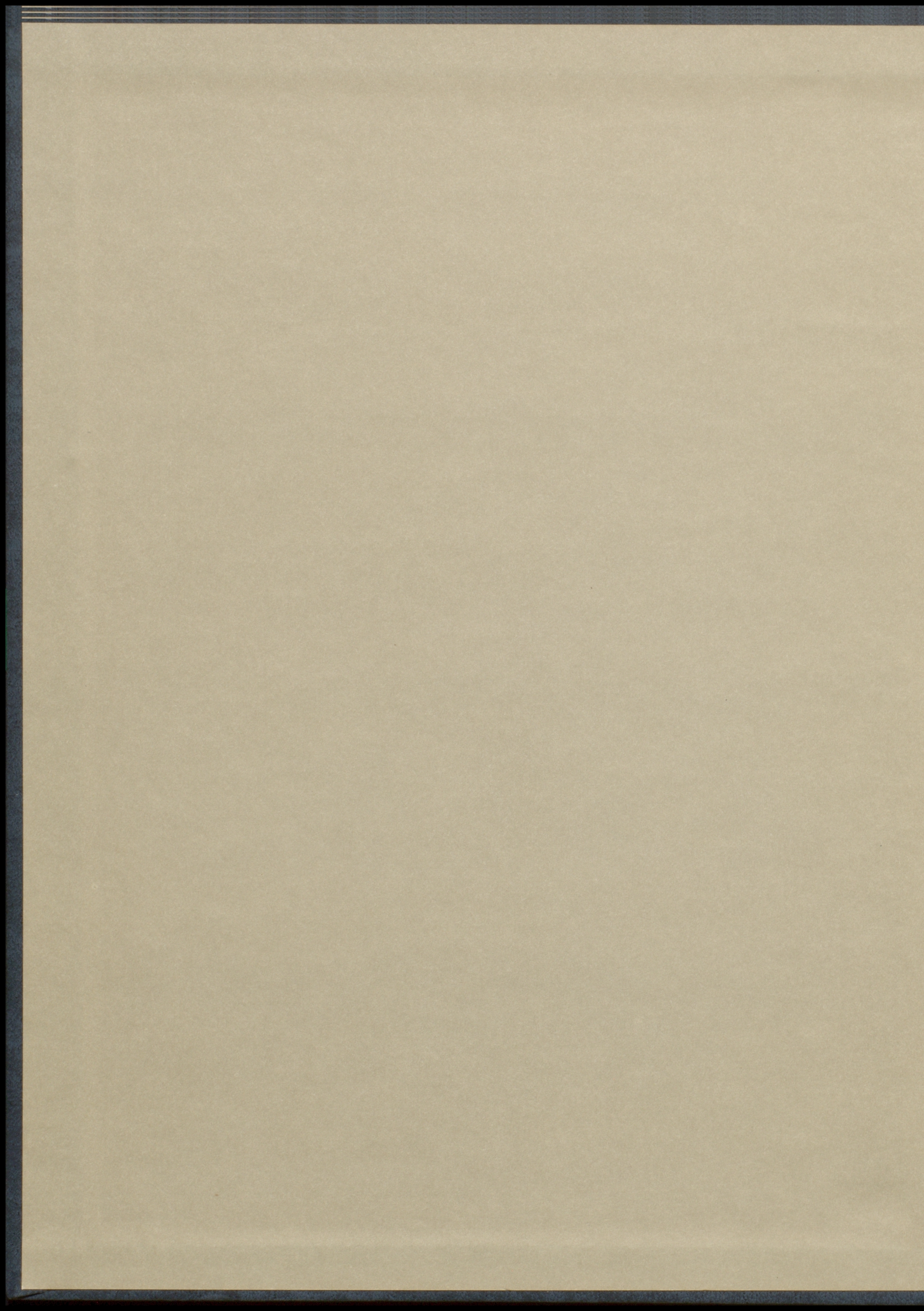
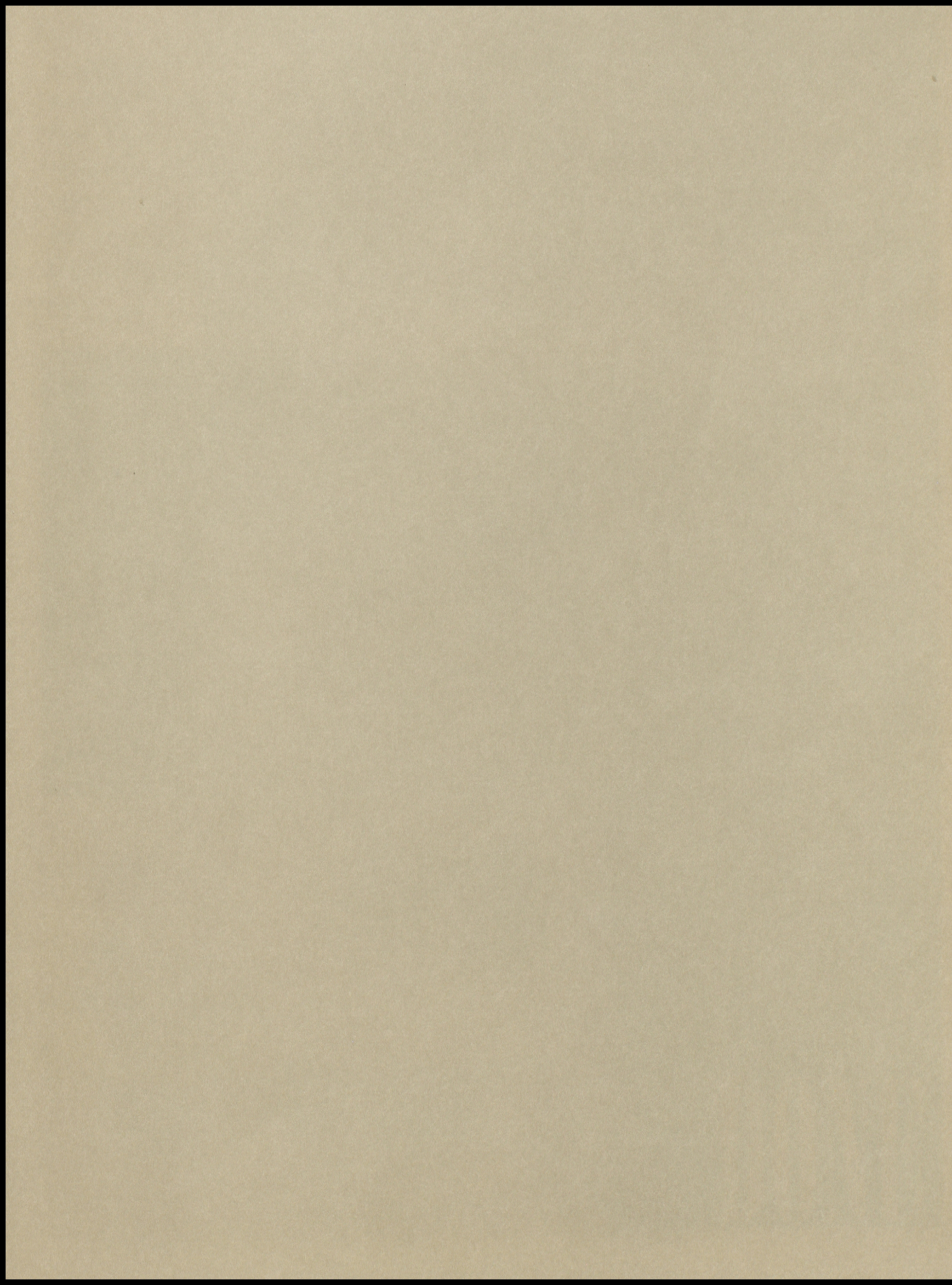


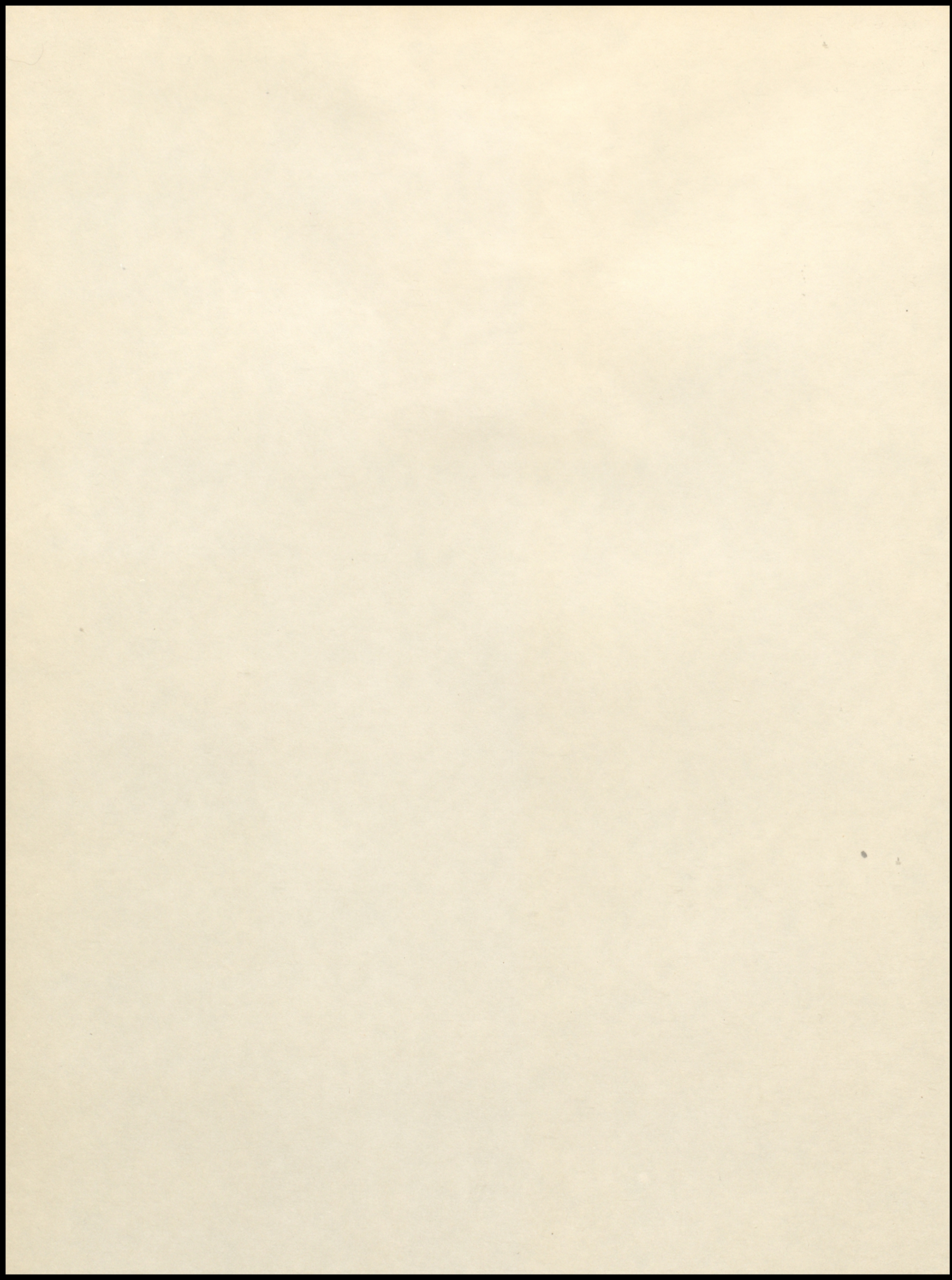
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Making tracks –

Junior Jennifer LePera helps senior Janet Buckley design a poster for the cross country teams. The poster was used to decorate the gym for the Homecoming assembly on Sept. 29.

Checking results

—Sophomores Tiffany Brown and Traci Bengtson work on their experiments and answer the questions for a lab in Tom Ludwig's Biology class.



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Taking the shot – Sophomore David Rude (#20) goes for the shot against East as a Scarlet player tries to block him on Jan. 5 at Hoover.



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So what's said & done? Many memorable things happened at Hoover this year. Those things are now memories for us all. Memories that are said and done, but not forgotten.

From sports to activities to academics to people, there have been many memories this year. How about the boys' cross country team qualifying for State and then placing fifth at the meet? Or how about senior James Grimaldi becoming the first ever Hoover state champion for debate? Or maybe the sight of the fellow students and teachers dressed up in their groovy disco clothes, showing off their dance moves in the Disco Contest? Or maybe just the faces and friends that were seen in the halls everyday? In fact, all of these are memories that will forever make this year unique and original.

These things are just some of the amazing things that have happened during the school year. Now turn the page and see all the things that were said and done this year that will be forever kept alive through the pictures and stories in this book.

Leading the pack –

Seniors Jeff Bash and Chad Murray lead the boys' swim team out of the cheerleaders tunnel of spirit at the first winter pep assembly on Dec. 3.

Both Bash and Murray qualified for the state meet this year for swimming, along with 6 other members of the team.





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Cheering on the team – Senior Angela Neve makes a poster for the girls' swimming team to hang up for the Homecoming assembly on Sept. 29 and to help fire up the swimmers for their next meet.



photo by Nick Brockman

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Marking the scores – Social science teacher Phil Carlson grades papers from his World History class and records the scores in his notebook.



photo by Steve Whitney

Live & Learn

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Exploring their roots – The Imani players act out a scene from the play "A Woman Named Truth." The Imani Players put on several plays and help sponsor many activities to help educate the students about the African American culture.



photo by Steve Whitney

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Roll him over – Senior Joe Lamb attempts to roll over his Urbandale opponent and get a pin at the Urbandale/Johnston meet at Urbandale. Lamb finished the year by setting two new Hoover records for wrestling.



photo by Kari Greenlee

Sweat & Cheers

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Rough & rowdy – The freshmen powder puff team gets ready to put up a good defense against the sophomores at the last powder puff game for Hoover during Homecoming Spirit Week. The sophomores won, 21-7.



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You & Me

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Here & Now

You wake up in the morning, rushing around because you have to be at school by 7:15 a.m. for the Spirit Committee meeting. With the many different activities such as dances, assemblies, and athletic events, students' lives are kept busy throughout the nine months.

The students are what make up the heart of the school – everything from the spirit shown by decorating before dances to the enthusiasm expressed during the pep assemblies before a game. Hoover is made by its students.

With a student population of 1,089, a variety of cultures can be observed in the halls. Having such a huge range of backgrounds causes everybody to come together and form a unique personality for Hoover. The students define Hoover and set it apart from other schools, transforming Hoover from just another building into the home of the Huskies.

Hoover spirit–

Junior Katie Bierma helps in the decorating of the gym before the Homecoming assembly on Friday, Sept. 29.

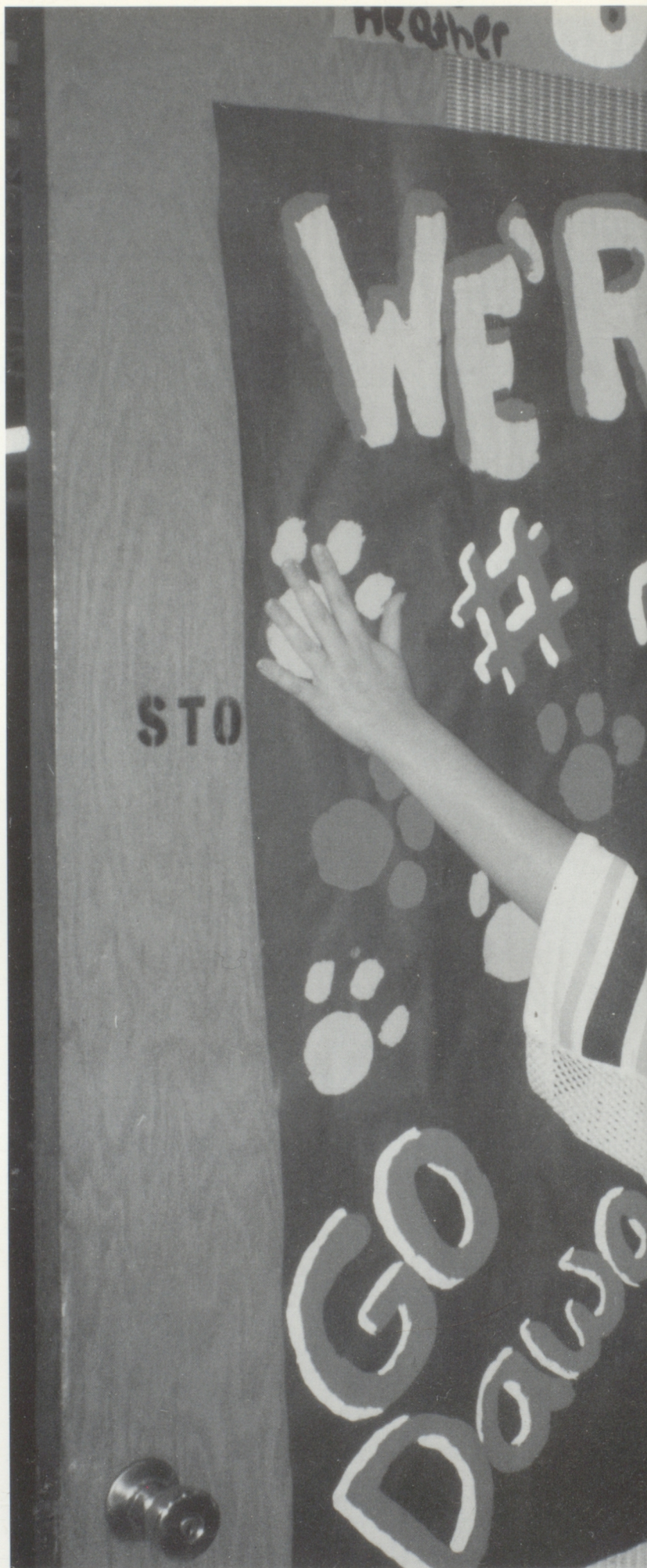




photo by Nick Brockman

Painting away – Juniors Tiffany Camus and Shayla Haynes paint a poster for the Homecoming assembly Sept. 29.



photo by Nick Brockman

Spirit week

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Vote for us – Juniors Theresa Hedrick and Alicia Hymel spice up their car for the car rally during spirit week.



photo by Angela Neve

Homecoming Assembly

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Spreading cheer – Cheerleaders pump up the crowd with the victory cry during the Student of All Seasons assembly.



photo by Kari Greenlee

Student of all Seasons

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Karaoke anyone – Junior Colleen Bergman and seniors Aaron Theise and Heather Kirchner sing along with the karaoke machine at the Winter Formal dance.



photo by Amanda Jones

Winter Formal

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Don't fall – A sight of the deep cliffs at Yosemite Park in California during a spring break hike.



photo by Kari Greenlee

Spring Break

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Live & Learn

Hoover's academic programs were a picture of diversity, just like is displayed in sports and other activities. Cultural differences were united within academic organizations like Academic Decathlon and National Honor Society.

Many students took advantage of these academic opportunities when they were presented. When a paper was due, most students had theirs prepared on time, but there were always students who were still finishing furiously several minutes after the deadline.

Whatever the case may be, students took time to reflect on their decisions over the course of the year. Some students wished they had done things differently, some were satisfied with their performance. The year is done now, but the student's academic experiences will remain with them forever.

Concentrating intently—Senior David Peterson, yearbook co-sports editor, works on editing the final draft of his Girls' Cross Country text for his spread. Peterson, along with junior Jon Talcott, edited the expanded yearbook sports section.





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Focusing in — Gerald Hollingsworth, Spanish instructor, found the time to check papers despite his busy schedule this year. The members of the Foreign Language Department were the focus of this year's academic feature story.



photo by Brad Steffen

Academic Feature

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Leading the team — Junior Thai Do prepares for an upcoming Academic Decathlon tournament by studying his material. Do was co-captain of his team, along with junior Loan Pham.



photo by Brad Steffen

Academic Clubs

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Intellectual conversation — Junior Todd Strum and Lincoln senior Lucas Scott discuss an important topic in the hallways of Central Campus. Strum was one of many who took advantage of the advanced courses offered.



photo by Brad Steffen

Central Campus

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Speed skating — Junior Nicholas Pisarik shows off his skating skills on a P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. field trip. The students traveled to the Des Moines Ice Arena to spend the day with the Des Moines Buccaneers.



photo courtesy of Cindy Grandquist

P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E.

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Passing with honors — Senior Minh Dao was one of this year's seniors to graduate in the Top 3 percent. Minh took courses such as AP Chemistry, AP Calculus AB, and AP Physics at Central Campus.



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Top 3 Percent

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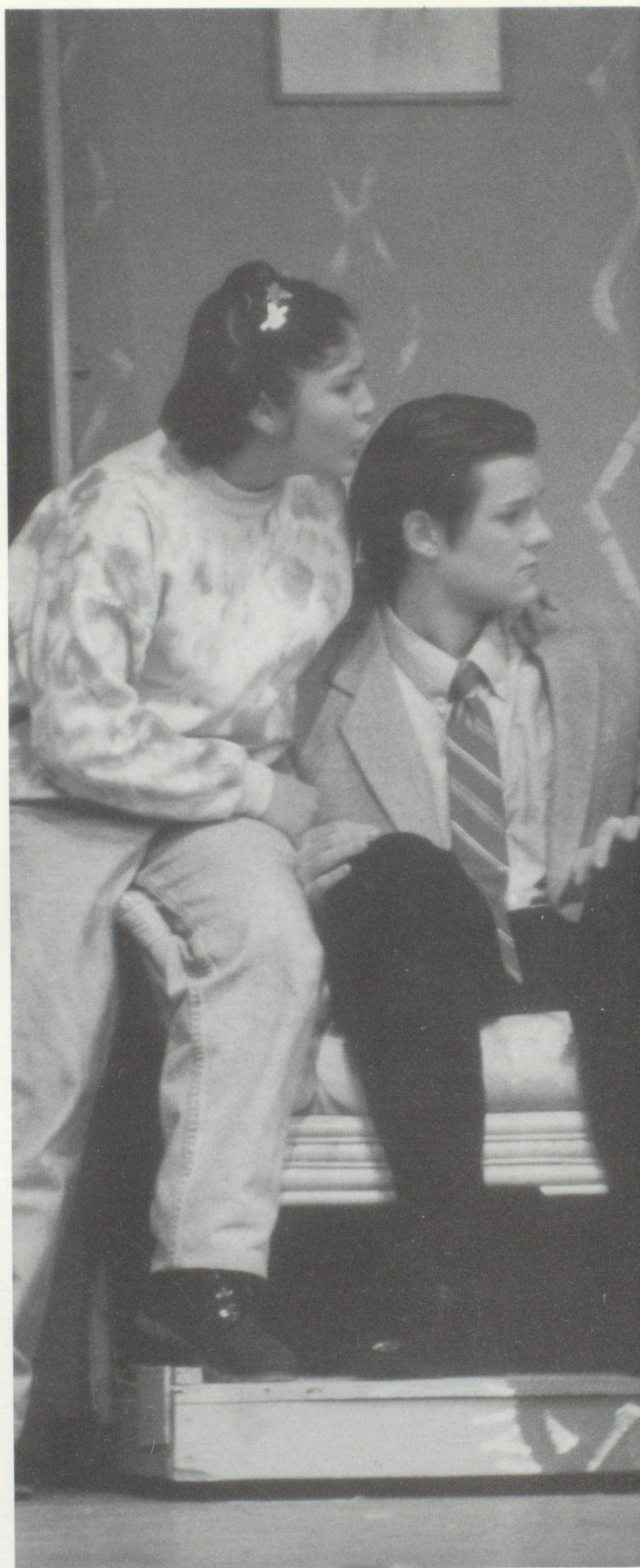
Activities are what make students a part of high school, whether it's performing in front of a crowd or discussing plans for a project in a meeting. Being involved in activities helps to shape and represent Hoover inside and outside the school walls.

Many activities take place before and after the bell rings. Students spend this time participating in meetings and practices. Participating in these activities during high school can be very beneficial. Students can gain skills like leadership, independence, and improved communication, which will stick with them throughout their lives. Some activities help students get a start on a career or get an idea of what they can do later in life.

The activities students are involved in are a part of everyday life at Hoover, and help to bring students together.

Playing the part – Junior

Karla Sanchez and freshman Eric Sharp tell junior Ryan Dow why they don't want to be in the Christmas Pageant during a scene from the play "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" on Nov. 30. The play was also performed on Dec. 2 and Dec. 3.



Meeting the deadline—Seniors Angela Neve, Jessica Harding, Nic Hoover, and junior Nga Lam, discuss their pages and try to beat the deadline.



photo by Laura Ahrendt

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On the air—Senior Bryan Howe does a radio broadcast on Hoover's own radio station, KDOG.



photo by LeeAnn Hofferber

Radio/TV

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Standing by—The Hoover marching band waits off field before performing at halftime on Oct. 20 at the home game against S.E. Polk.



photo by Dena Shoemaker

Band

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Singing with Spirit—The Hoover Harmony sang "Kiss Him Goodbye" at the Homecoming assembly on September 29.



photo by Kari Greenlee

Harmony

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A helping hand—NHS sponsors many activities to help and benefit the community. One of them was the tree planting which was held on Oct. 28.



photo by Nikki Johnson

NHS

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Sweat & Cheers

Sports are often defined as a source of diversion, yet at Hoover, they represent much more.

Each participant involved has his/her reasons for going out for a particular sport, from becoming a hero in the eyes of the student body and faculty to just getting the satisfaction of feeling good about themselves. Both of these reasons and the many in between are viable and understandable.

But, for each individual who participates in sports, athletics provide a break from the routines which they follow every day. Athletics provide a concealed world where, for a limited time, a person can experience something not found abundantly in everyday life—the sense of belonging to a group of peers whose goal is the same, success. It eases the burden of doing it alone; as they say, “There’s no ‘I’ in team.”

Looking to score—

Senior Dan Newman pulls up for the shot during the varsity boy’s basketball game on Dec. 12 against the Urbandale J-Hawks at Urbandale. Newman made the shot and went on to score nine points but, the Huskies lost 47 to 51.





photo by Aimee Ramsey

Eyeing their victim—Senior Joe Lamb (#33) and junior Tom Berger (#40) prepare to make a tackle during Hoover's game against S.E. Polk on Oct. 20 at Kara McGrane Stadium.



photo by Dena Shoemaker

Football

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Leading the crowd—The men's cross country team begins their race at the East Invitational on Oct. 5 at the Iowa State Fairgrounds on the way to a perfect score.



photo by Kara McVey

Cross Country

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Awaiting the moment—Senior Billy Howe waits for the opportunity to steal the ball away from a Valley guard on Nov. 18 during the Jamboree at the Knapp Center.



photo by Nikki Johnson

Basketball

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Taking a glance—Senior Jeff Bash takes a look at the scoreboard to see his finish and time during Hoover's conference victory against Lincoln on Jan. 11 at the Hoover Invitational.



photo by Dave Peterson

Swimming

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Raising some spirits—Varsity basketball cheerleaders, senior Jodi Solberg and juniors DeLaine Burken, Erica Hanlon and Nga Lam, show their enthusiasm during the pep assembly on Dec. 8.



photo by Kari Greenlee

Cheerleading

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You & Me

It's freshman year, the first year of high school. You are like a new born baby first viewing the world. The new world is scary; your're not sure what is expected of you, or what to expect. You try to follow all the new rules, and adjust to the new environment.

Sophomore year arrives and you begin to learn the ways of the world, like a toddler first learning to walk. You know what the world is like, but there are still many obstacles to overcome. You take one step at a time, each day closer to not having your parents help you along.

It's junior year, the hardest year of high school. Somehow you learn to manage life's obstacles. You learn to depend on yourself more, knowing that within time, you will be able to walk through life with ease.

Senior year, the time of glory, is finally here. You have gone through school's struggles and can walk through life on your own. You are ready for graduation; you are now ready for the world.

**Working towards
deadline** – Senior
Pia Hawkins works
quickly and steadily
to try and finish a
deadline that she has
for newspaper class.



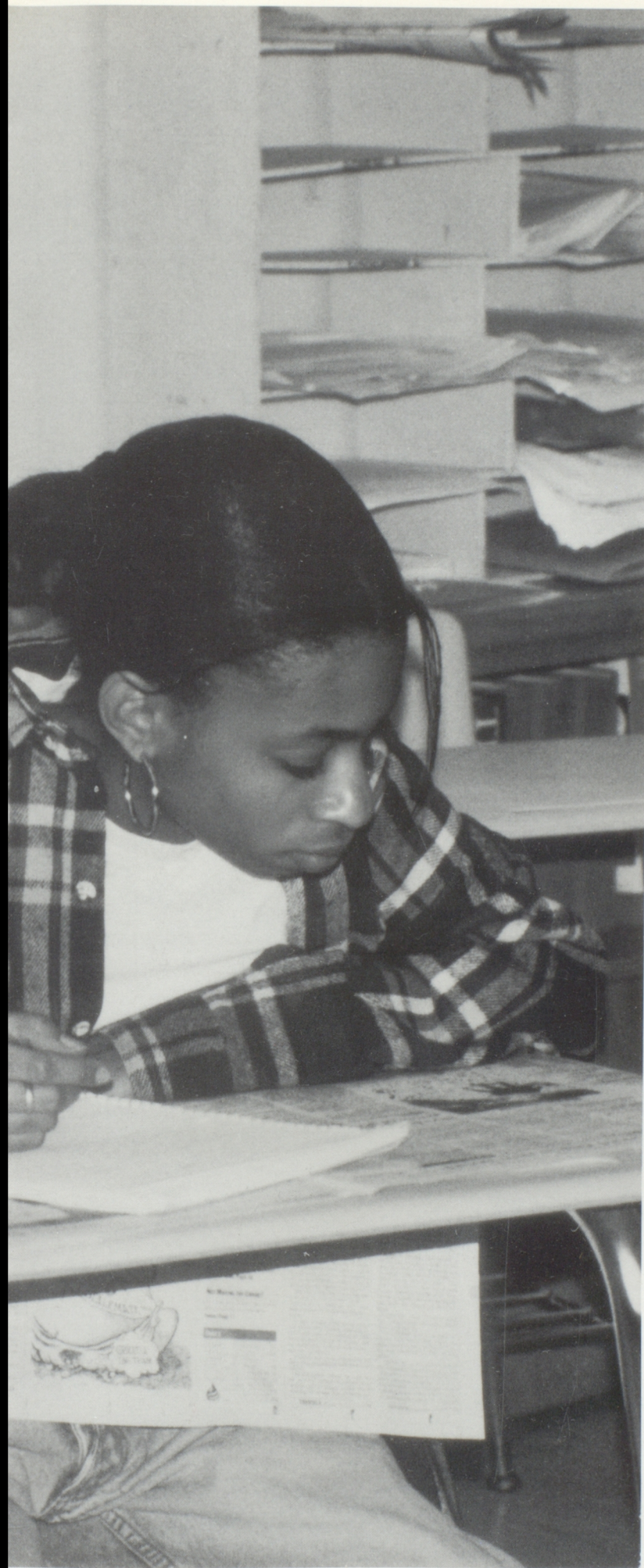


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Getting prepared for class – Freshmen Jeff Wheeler and Brian Geyer get a pop before heading for their fifth hour class.



photo by Jessica Harding

Freshmen

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Can you believe it? – Sophomores Jodi Helton and Alexis Hunt discuss the daily gossip that they heard about.



photo by Jessica Harding

Sophomore

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Just taking it easy – Juniors Robert Allison, Katherine Buckley and LeeAnn Hofferber stop in the halls to talk about their difficult day of school.



photo by Jessica Harding

Juniors

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Kicking back – Seniors Diondra Tate and Jay Hall take a load off and discuss what's on their mind, after a hard day of school.



photo by Jessica Harding

Seniors

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Big Smile! – Senior Board members Sally Allan, Amy Lee, Jodi Solberg, and Jared Gilbert are working hard to make sure things get done right for their senior class.



photo by Jessica Harding

Senior Board

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photo by Dena Shoemaker

Keep Up – Juniors Scott Johnson and Geneva Moore participate in the three-legged race during Homecoming week.

Way to go seniors – Seniors Satira Peavy, Cassie Murphy, Tara Patterson, and the rest of the senior girls' powder puff team respectfully shake hands with the juniors after their victory.



Here & Now

Student Life is one of the most important parts of school. It provides the students and the faculty a chance to get together to have fun and show their support for the school by having activities that everyone can take part in, such as Homecoming, Spirit Week, Winter Formal, student of all Seasons and spring break.

The year started off with the Homecoming activities during the week of Sept. 25 thru 29. Students and faculty participated in the old, traditional activities of Spirit Week, such as the powder puff game on Wednesday and the car rally before the Homecoming game on Friday, and also in some new events, like the lip sync contest held during the lunch periods on Thursday.

Changes were found throughout student life this year. The annual Spring Dance, usually held in early spring, was moved into February this year and given a new name: the Winter Formal. Another tradition was changed this year too. The week before dances is usually reserved to show off the spirit of students and faculty and to allow everyone a chance to relax and have fun together. This year's Spirit Week was shortened to only three days and given the new name of Spirit Days.

Along with the changes, old traditions were still found. The students still took spring break trips to sunny beaches or to snowy mountain tops to have fun and celebrate their few days of freedom from school work. The spirit stick contest at pep assemblies stuck around this year too. And, of course, there is always the Friday night games where students and faculty gather and show their support and spirit for the school by cheering on the team.

The old traditional activities and the new changes were combined together to make student life one of a kind this year. It showed that what happened in the here and now of this year was made up of a combination of the old and the new to make the year unique and allowed the students to make it their own.

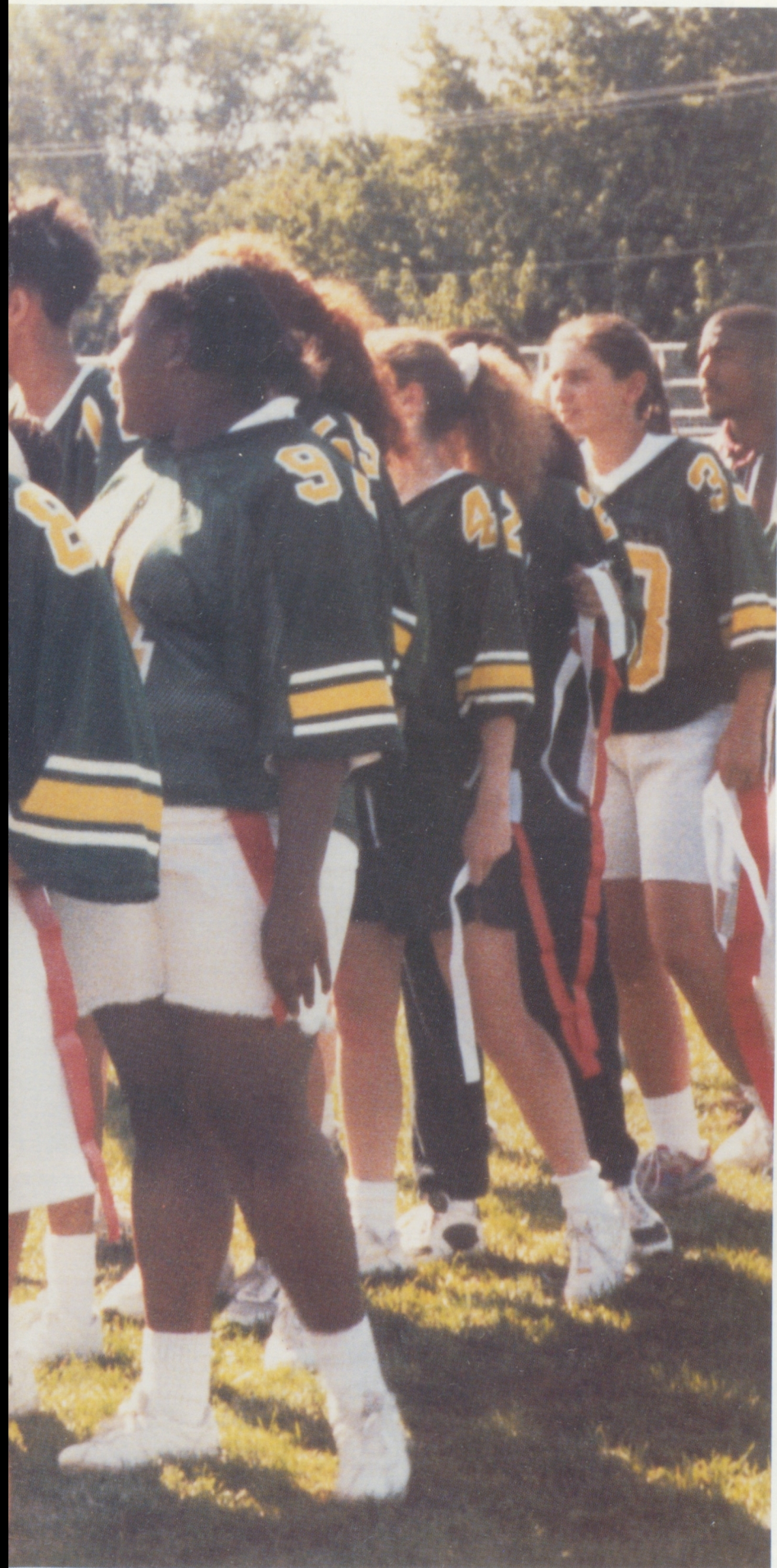


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Energetic Enthusiasm

Following along with old Hoover traditions, Homecoming spirit week was held September twenty-fifth through the twenty-ninth. The spirit days were pajama day, hat day, senior toga day/underclassman boxer day and green and gold day.

"It was great! A lot of people participated in the activities. Toga day was the best day because I had been looking forward to it all four years. It made the seniors feel superior to the underclassmen. Green and gold day was great because it got us prepared and psyched up for the assembly and game," senior Amy Hanlon said.

Many other events and contests were also held throughout the week. There was a cake contest, which was won by seniors Megan Carrico and Emily Minnis. They prepared two twin Husky cakes. Also held was a lip sync contest, which sophomore Jennifer Howe won. People P.E. took first place in the sidewalk painting contest with Commedia coming in second and girls' swimming taking third place.

Wednesday afternoon the women of Hoover High went to battle in the Powder Puff games. The seniors took on the juniors and the sophomores took on the freshmen. With a rumor going around that the administration may not be allowing these games next year, the seniors and sophomores both made their games count and took home victories.

Friday was the big day of the week. At 1:30 p.m. the student body and faculty gathered in the gym for the annual Homecoming assembly. Then, about 5 p.m. the car rally took place. The freshman football cheerleaders won for best decorations.

At 7:30 p.m. the Homecoming game kicked off. After a slow first half the Huskies picked up the pace a little in the second half, but still were unable to catch Indianola. The final score was 19-7, Indianola.

Counselor Janet Callan Mashek said, "Hoover had great activities for spirit week. I really enjoyed being involved and seeing the students display their school spirit."



We won — The freshman cheerleading squad shows off their decorations during the car rally before the Homecoming football game on Sept. 29th.

Feel the wind — Flag members senior Jodi Weinenger and junior Andrea Kueck show off their spins at the assembly on Sept. 29th.

Summer

Lovin'—

Freshman

Eric Sharp,

sophomore

Amanda

Bolte, and se-

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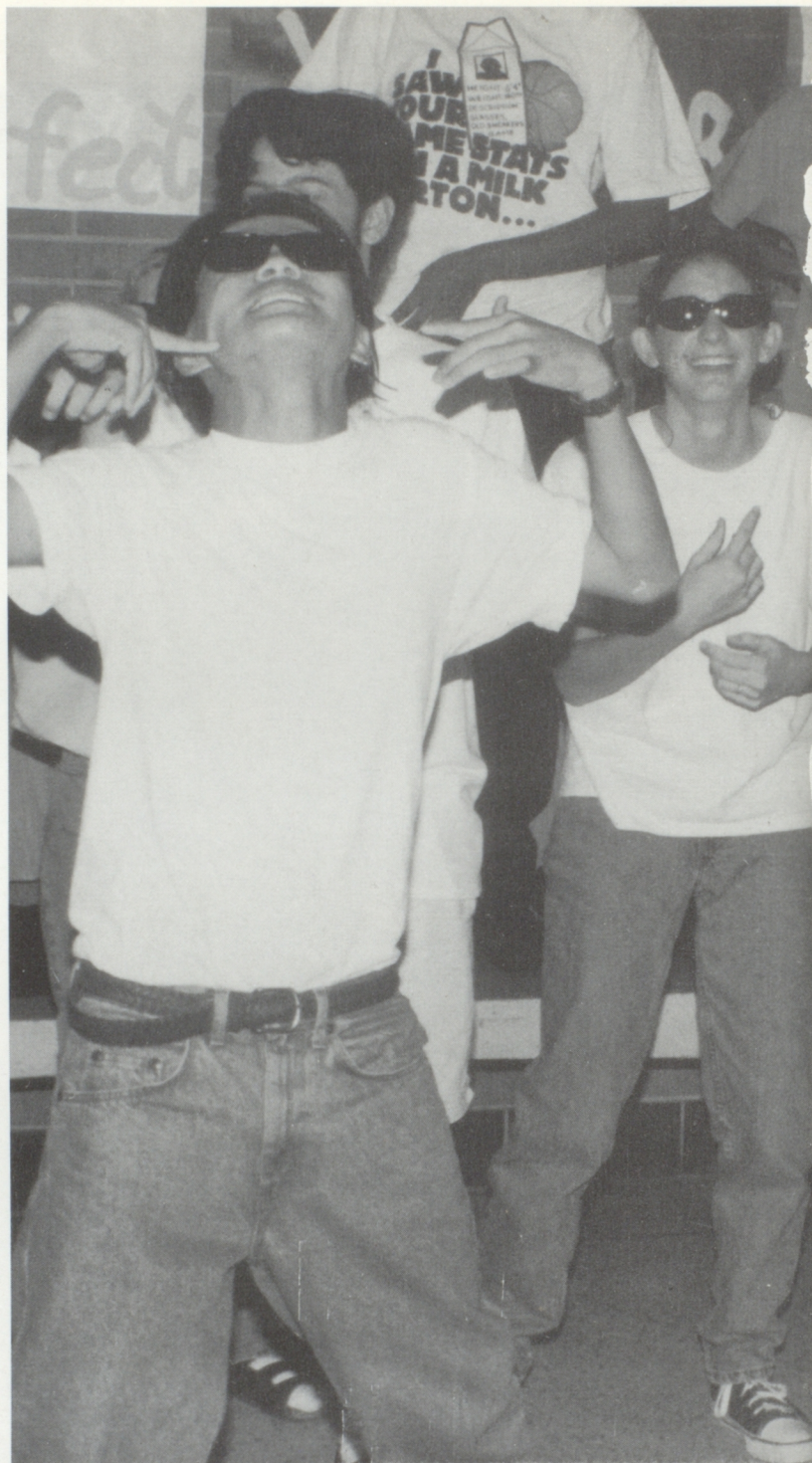
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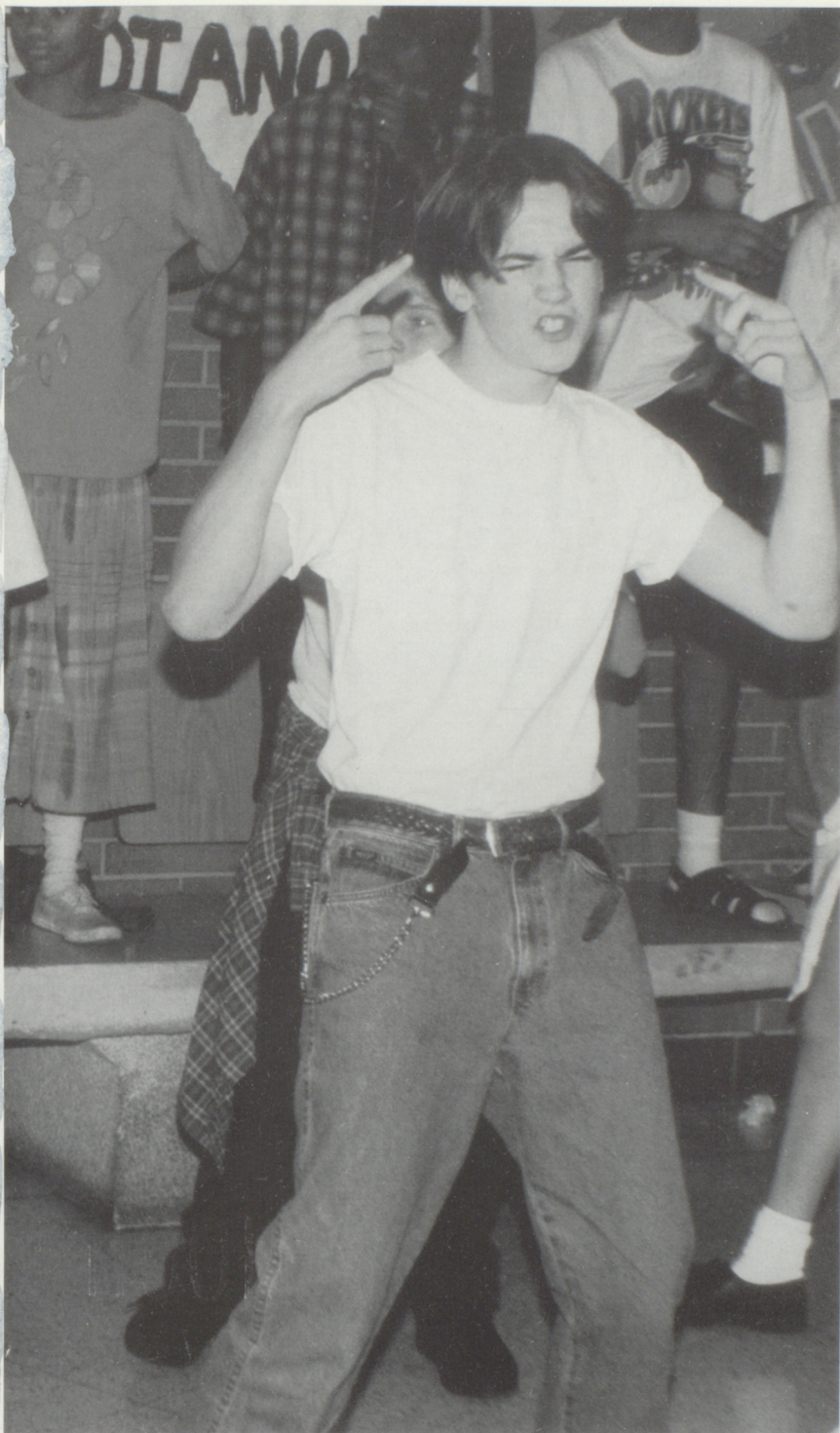


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Ouch — Senior Sally Allan pins up senior Amy Lee's toga for senior toga day, Sept. 28th.



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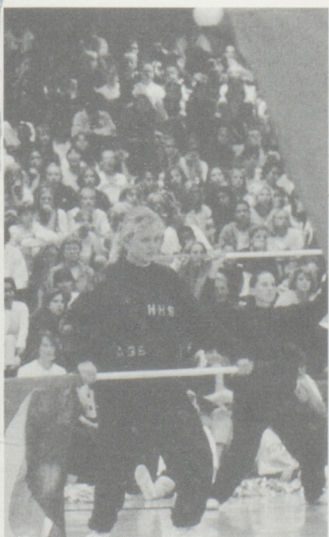


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Touchdown — Senior quarterback Emily Minnis pitches off to senior Tiffany Walker, as Ayesha Abdullah prepares to block during the powder puff game, Sept. 27th.

Give me an H — Football cheerleaders Charlene Meyers, Tiffany Camus and Shayla Haynes pump up the crowd at the Homecoming game, Sept. 29th.

Celebrating Coronation

As the week passed by, students and faculty awaited the annual Homecoming assembly scheduled to take place at 1:40 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29.

With over 500 students, teachers and alumni gathered in the gym, MC Kirk Johnson took over and introduced all students participating in fall activities. After all teams had made it through the tunnel of cheerleaders, the Homecoming court was announced and made their way into the gym.

The underclassmen court consisted of freshmen Kevin Kozitza and Kristen Sokugawa, sophomores David Rude and Abbey Williams, and juniors Scott Johnson and Kathi Buckley. The senior class nominees for queen were Ayesha Abdullah, Jessica Harding, Jodi Solberg, Sally Allan and Amy Lee. The nominees for king were Bryan Howe, Billy Howe, Dave Peterson, Jay Hall and Tim Schnoor. After all votes were tallied the king and queen were Jay Hall and Ayesha Abdullah.

"I couldn't believe it when I heard I was nominated. I was so excited, and so happy for everyone else who made it. Homecoming week was a very exciting time for me; it was a week I will always cherish," Jessica Harding said.

"Overall, the Homecoming assembly was well planned and organized. The formality of our assembly makes this a classy event," Debbie Stetson, P.E. teacher, said.

Entertainment for the audience was provided by Hoover Harmony, jazz band, flags, the drill team and the football cheerleaders, who performed a dance.

The end of the assembly brought a challenge to the students. It was time for the victory cry, with the loudest class receiving the spirit stick. After a short meeting between the judges, the senior class was awarded the stick.

Although many people enjoyed the assembly, some felt the rudeness of students interrupted the activities and speakers. Don Perschau, science teacher, said, "I thought that the assembly was one of the best planned and performed I have ever seen. It's too bad that several hundred students scattered through the audience wouldn't be quiet when they should have."

Look Out-

Girls' swim team members seniors

Caron Slater, Angela Neve,

and Jennifer

Merritt, junior

April Taylor

and freshman

Michelle

McCoy enter

the gym

through the

tunnel of

cheerleaders.



Dirty Dancing—The Hoover drill team steps it up at the homecoming assembly.

Singing together—Hoover Harmony performs "Kiss Him Good-bye," during the Homecoming assembly.



photo by Mullica

Surprise! – Senior Ayesha Abdullah reacts in shock after being announced as the Homecoming queen.



photo by Kari Greenlee



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photo by Dena Shoemaker



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Faces - Junior Kathi Buckley contributes to the cheerleaders dance at the Homecoming assembly.

Jazzin' up - Seniors Cathy Claycomb, Jared Gilbert and junior Jaime Beard prepare to play the school song.

Midnight Magic

In deciding the theme for the 1995 Homecoming Dance, the committee wanted to choose something unique. Headed by senior chairpersons, Amy Lee and Sally Allan, the committee came up with "Midnight Masquerade" as the theme. The dance was on September 30, lasting from 8 pm to 11 pm, a total of 605 people attended the dance, which was the largest turnout yet.

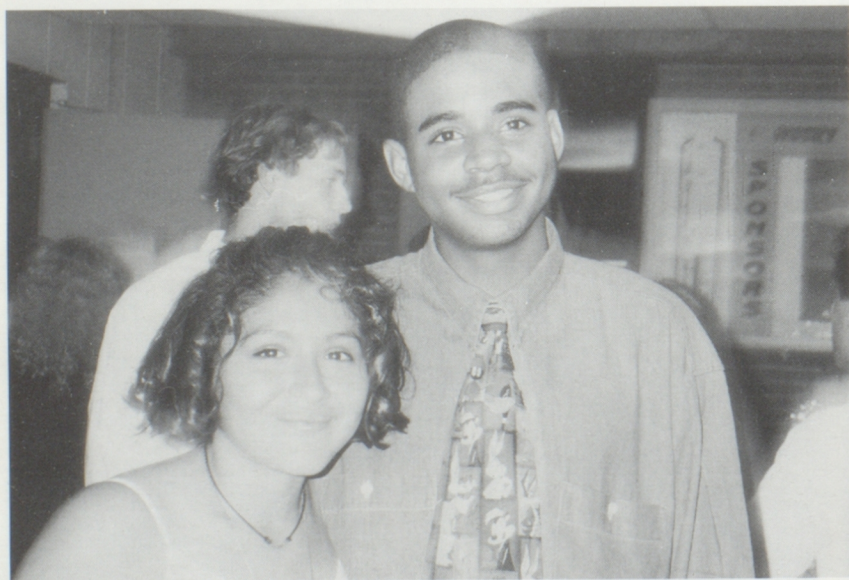
Tickets for the Homecoming Dance went on sale before the dance for \$7 each person, but were also available at the door for the same price. The first 300 people to purchase their tickets received keychains. Namecards were also made for those who bought their tickets early.

Decorators arrived early to decorate the large gym and the Student Center. By building around the theme colors of silver, black, magenta, and purple, they prepared the rooms for the dance. It took a little hard work and most of the day but the decorators accomplished what was on their agenda. The large gym was for dancing and was equipped with a large screen for showing music videos. Decorations for the dance room included a star-studded background and balloons. "It took us forever to cover the walls with black paper and all those stars but we did an excellent job," senior Nic Hoover said.

The Student Center was reserved for refreshments and the karaoke machine. Those who wished to escape the noise of the dance room had a chance to try out their singing voices on the karaoke machine, which was provided by TKO Productions. Students could sit down at decorated tables to rest, converse, or snack on refreshments.

The primary purpose of the dance was to give people a chance to get reacquainted with everyone after a long summer break. The dance also created a lot of memorable experiences.

Commenting on the success of the dance, Allan said, "A lot of people put in a lot of hard work towards this dance. It was worth it because of the good turnout."



Bright smiles- Junior Carla Rosales and sophomore Clifford Hobbes take a moment to express themselves at the Homecoming Dance.

Fresh Faces—Freshmen Mary Sullivan, Traci Skinner, Katie Musser, and Kristin Sokugawa get together for a group picture.

Golden Voices

— Seniors

A y e s h a

A b d u l l a h ,

Veronica Brown,

Tiffany Walker,

and Diondra Tate

showcase their

singing talent at

the Homecoming

Dance on Sept.

30.



Slow dance— Senior Nic Hoover and junior DeLaine Burken share a dance at Homecoming.

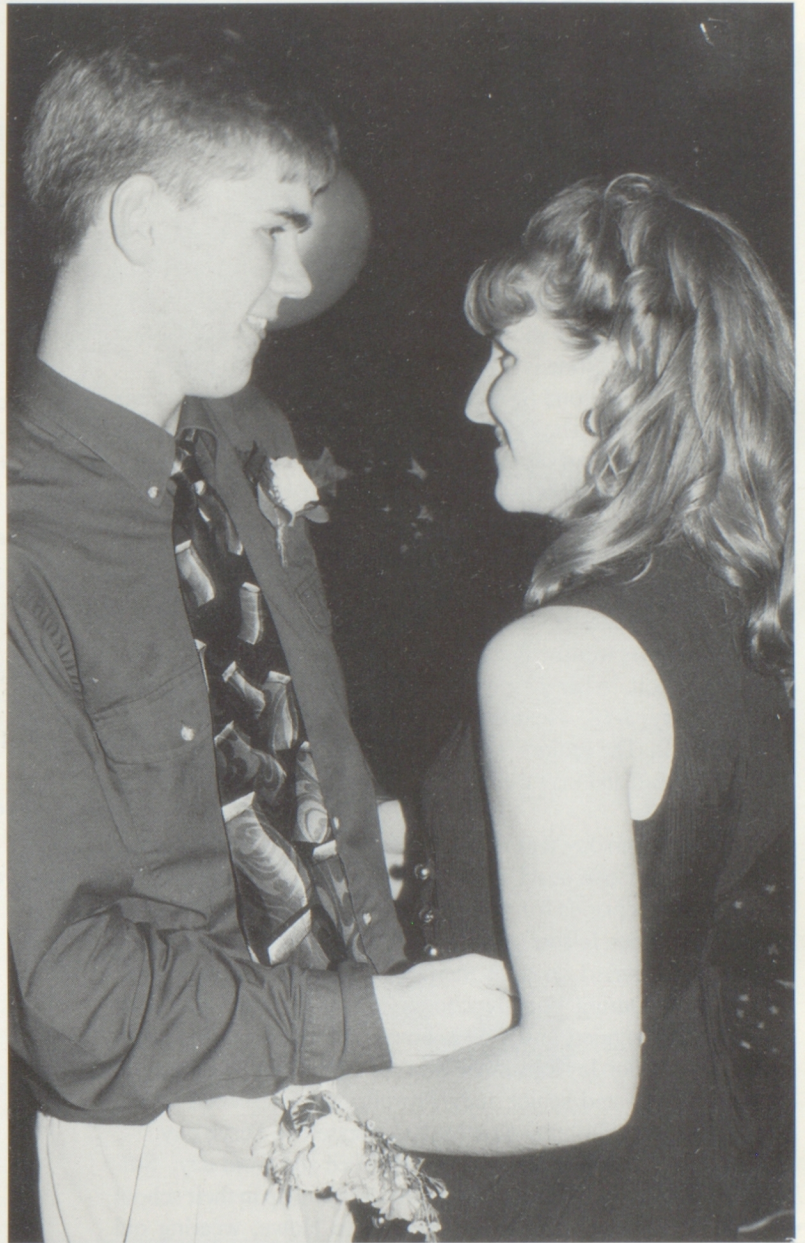


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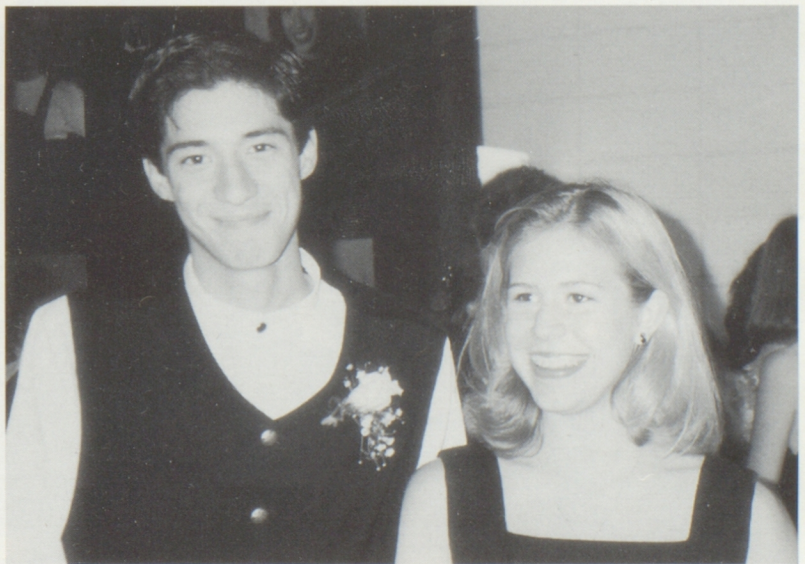


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Enjoying the moment— Junior Anna Cozad and senior Shay Noel dance during one of Homecoming's more quiet moments.

All smiles— Juniors Brian Bainbridge and LeeAnn Hofferber show their best smiles at the dance.

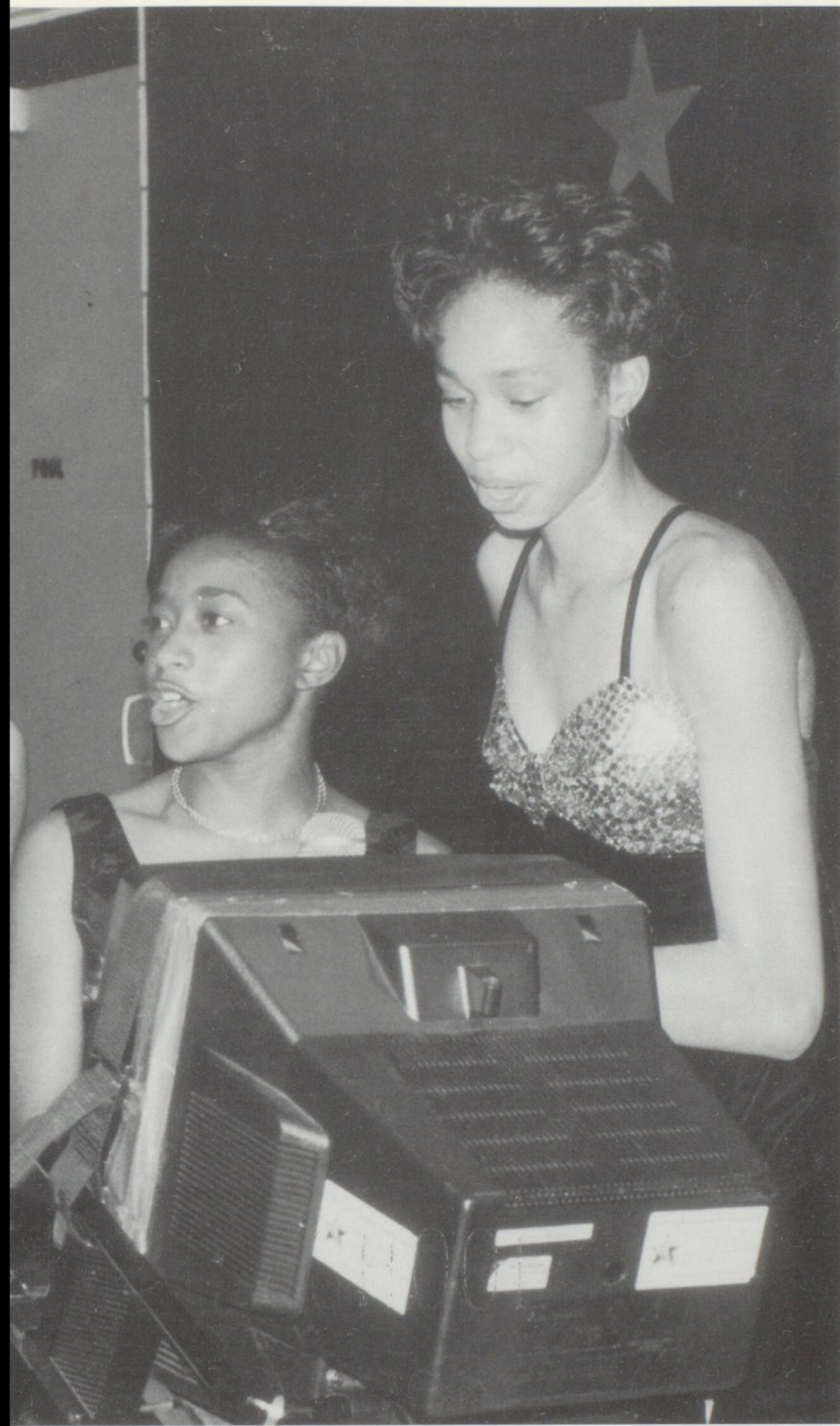


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Spunky Spirit

It's nice to get a break from the norm once in a while. Twice a school year, students and faculty get to take a break from their normal weekly routines, and get the opportunity to let loose and have fun. They dress up in funny clothes, participate in silly contests, and get to show off their spirit, sense of humor and creativity. This time is known as Spirit Week.

The second Spirit Week was shortened to only three days, Feb. 21-23. The first spirit day was Elementary Day, where students dressed up like they did in elementary school. Decked out in everything from sweatpants and velcro tennis shoes to tight rolled jeans and charm bracelets, the students revisited their younger school days. Senior David Peterson won for having the best elementary school outfit.

Wednesday was also the day the annual student vs. faculty games were held. First, the senior girls took on the faculty in volleyball. After 20 minutes of play, the senior girls' lost to the faculty, 3-18. Next the senior guys took on the faculty in basketball. The seniors took the early lead, but the faculty soon pulled ahead and kept the lead the rest of the game. The faculty won, 40-25.

Thursday was Disco day, where students and faculty dressed up in their best Disco duds and made the halls of Hoover look like an episode from the *Brady Bunch*. Students pulled out platform shoes, leisure suits, bell bottoms, and pychadelic shirts that were buried deep in their attics to wear for the days' activities. During both lunches, a Disco Contest was held. Students boggied down and showed off their groovy dance moves. Junior Jay Brommel won for first lunch. Sophomore Tim McCoy and senior Jody Powell won for second lunch. Senior Marci Simonini won for best dressed on Disco day.

Friday was the traditional Green and Gold day. Students displayed their school spirit by dressing up in their school colors. Seniors Billy Howe and Bryan Howe, wearing old Hoover basketball warm-ups, won for best dressed.

Disco Inferno

- Seniors Bryan

Howe, Ryan

Mitchell and

Tim Schnoor

shake their

groove things

and show off

their nifty out-

fits at the Disco

Contest during

second lunch on

Disco Inferno

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Spirit Days.

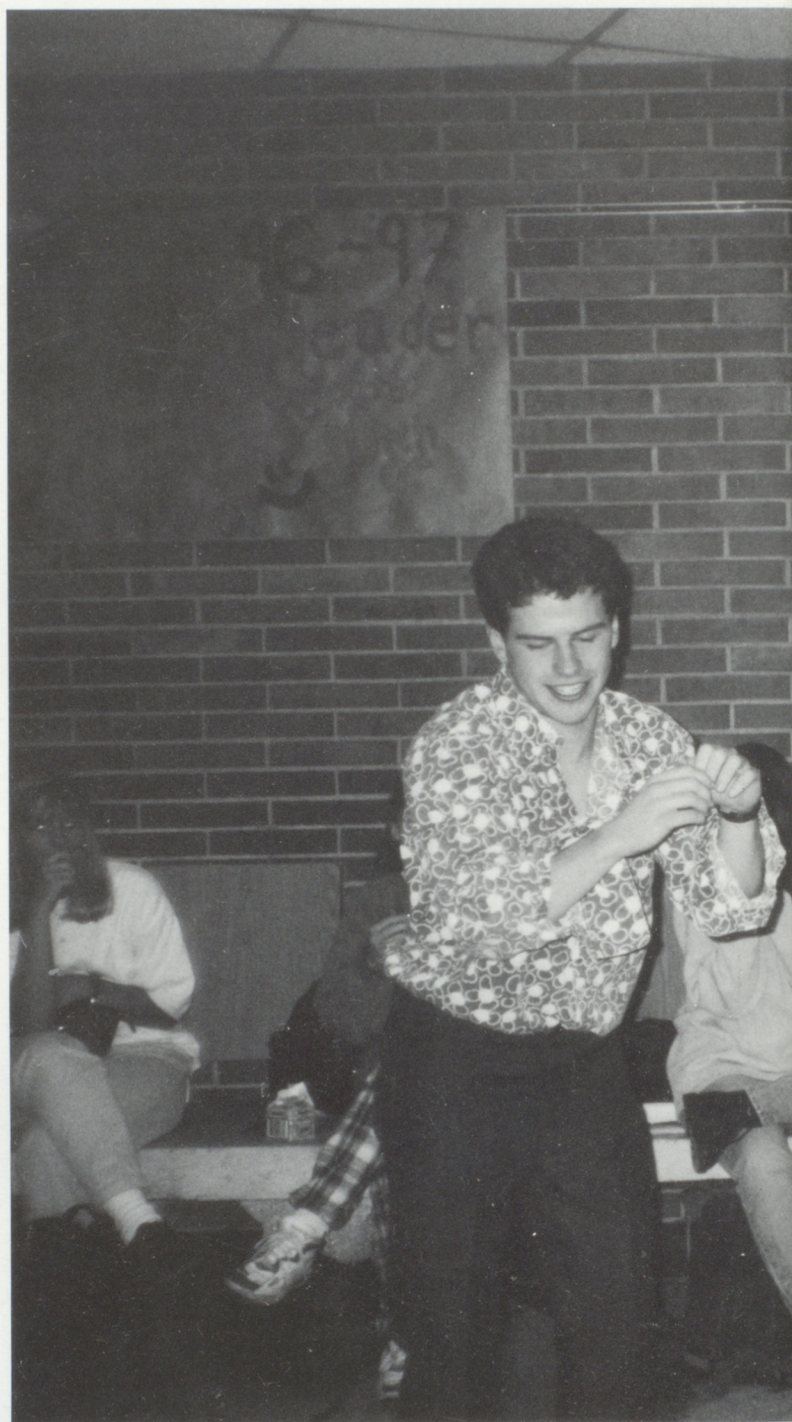


photo by Amy Lee

Over the net - Senior Amy Hanlon tries to score a point for the senior girls at the student vs. faculty volleyball game on Feb. 21. The seniors ended up losing the game, 3-15.

Show of sportsmanship - The senior guys shake hands with the faculty players after losing the student vs. faculty basketball game on Feb. 21.



It's like this – Sophomores Alexis Hunt and Clifford Hobbs show the crowd how to dance to disco music during the first lunch Disco Contest on Feb. 22.



photo by LeeAnn Hofferber



photo by Amy Lee

Bust a move – Junior Jay Brommel scoots across the floor on his stomach as juniors Alisha Hymel, Cody Peer and Kristina Boswell and freshman Natalie Smith dance on.

A little bump – Gym teacher Debbie Stetson bumps the ball up and over the net as the faculty volleyball players look on and prepare to help the ball over.



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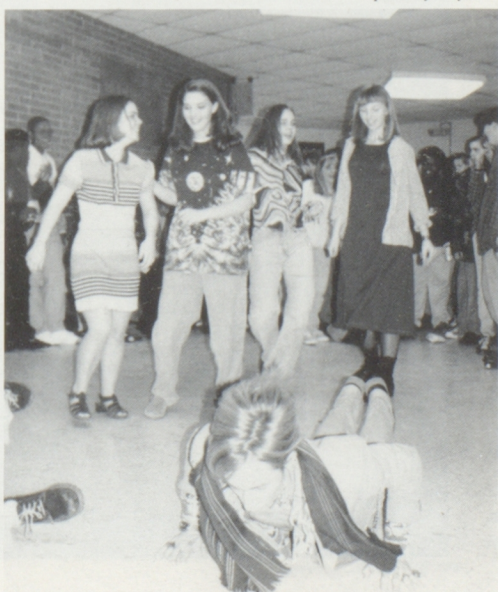


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Seasons of Success

For the first time in the history of Hoover High School the Student of All Seasons assembly was held in February. The assembly not only named the Student of All Seasons and Teacher of All Seasons, but also included a student/faculty three-point contest, the announcement of spirit week contest winners, and special performances from Harmony, jazz band, the drill team and the cheerleaders.

"The assembly went really well, considering everything got going kind of late. Everyone gave great performances and I really enjoyed putting the assembly together. I just hope everyone enjoyed the festivities," said assembly co-chair Sally Allan.

The main events for the assembly were the crowning of the Teacher and Student of All Seasons. Student nominees were required to have at least a 2.8 GPA, be involved in at least two extra-curricular activities and demonstrate positive leadership in the school and community. The teachers were nominated based on involvement outside of the classroom as well as on their ability to motivate students inside of the classroom.

The final candidates for Student of All Seasons were Sally Allan, Amy Lee, Emily Minnis, Angela Neve, David Peterson, and Jodi Solberg. Underclassmen attendants were junior April Taylor, sophomore Joelle Coons, and freshman Eric Sharp. The final attendants for Teacher of All Seasons were John Eller, Don Perschau, and Mary Ann Spicer.

"It was a close election for both the Student and the Teacher of All Seasons. There were over 40 teachers nominated for Teacher of All Seasons, and many more than that for Student of All Seasons," said vice-principal and faculty sponsor Dennis Ramsey.

Student of All Seasons recognition was awarded to David Peterson and Teacher of All Seasons recognition was awarded to Don Perschau.

Pie anyone?

— After losing

the three point

contest, faculty

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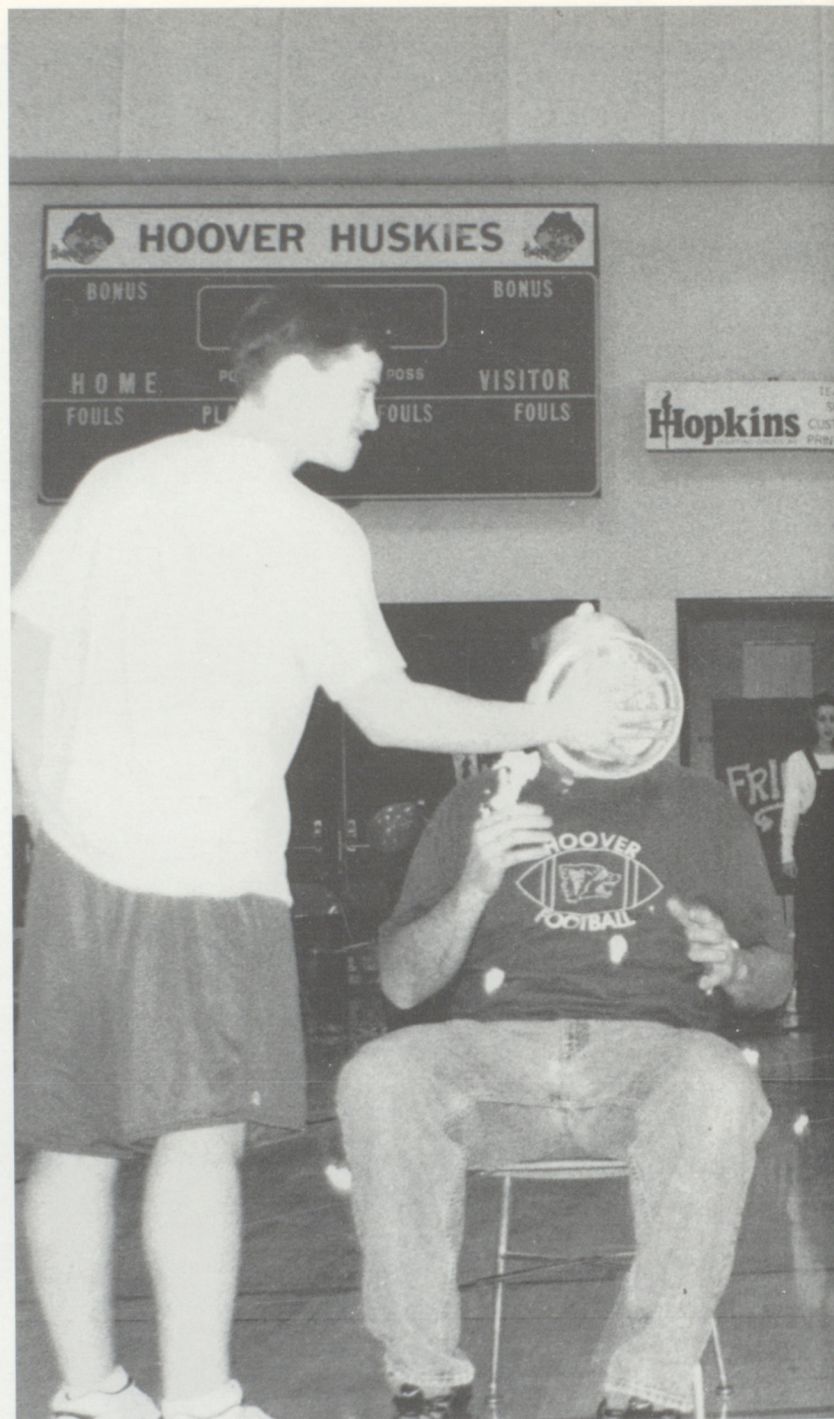


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And the winner is... — Last year's Student of All Seasons winner, Erica Swanson, pins on the Student of All Seasons sash on this year's winner, senior David Peterson.

Student of All Seasons Attendants — Angela Neve, Jodi Solberg, David Peterson, Amy Lee, Emily Minnis, and Sally Allan pose for a picture during the tea in the library.



Opening it up— Assembly co-chairs Sally Allan and Chance Hulten open up the assembly with a speech.



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Bring out the boys!— Seniors Billy Howe and Tim Coughenower lead the Varsity Boy's Basketball team out of the cheerleaders spirit tunnel.

And the winner is...— Teacher of All Seasons winner Don Pershau shakes fellow attendant John Eller's hand as Mary Ann Spicer applauds.



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Winter Wonderland

On Feb. 23, 1996, the Snow Ball was held from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. This was the first year the dance was held in February instead of April, when the annual Spring dance usually occurs.

To kick off the Snow Ball, the decorating committee gathered together, grabbed all of their supplies and headed off to the Botanical Center where preparations began. With a short amount of time on their hands they used the time they had to make the different rooms very colorful.

"We kind of got off to a late start, but I think under the circumstances it went really well. The dance was decorated really nice, but I wish we would've had a bigger turnout," said senior Sally Allan.

The dance kicked off at 8 p.m. with some music and dancing. There were two different areas students were allowed in. There was a karaoke machine set up in one of the rooms that allowed the students to show off their voices, while making fools of themselves but having a good time doing it. Refreshments such as pop and pretzels were served throughout the night in the dance room.

Another advantage of having the dance at the Botanical Center was that when the students were tired of dancing or sitting around talking with friends, they were allowed to walk through the Botanical Center itself. The breeze throughout the center allowed students to cool off after sweating from dancing.

"It was something a little different since we've never had a winter formal before, but the committee did a good job decorating and putting the dance together," said junior Nga Lam.

Vice-principal Billie Stone said, "The winter formal was fabulous. The young people conducted themselves in a suave manner. Too bad we can't have a formal everyday - proper dress denotes proper behavior."

Hold on

tight - Senior

Stephanie

Roskamp and

junior Phil Holt

hold each other

close during a

slow dance at

the Snow Ball

on Feb. 24.



photo by Mullica

Three Musketeers - Juniors Katie Bierma, Magan Harris, and Bridget Evans take time to chat with each other.

It won't budge - Seniors Cathy Claycomb and Aaron Thiese try to lift the banana tree out of the ground.





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Taking a break—Sophomore David Rude, and seniors Sara Bray and Billy Howe take a break from dancing at the Snow Ball, Feb 24.

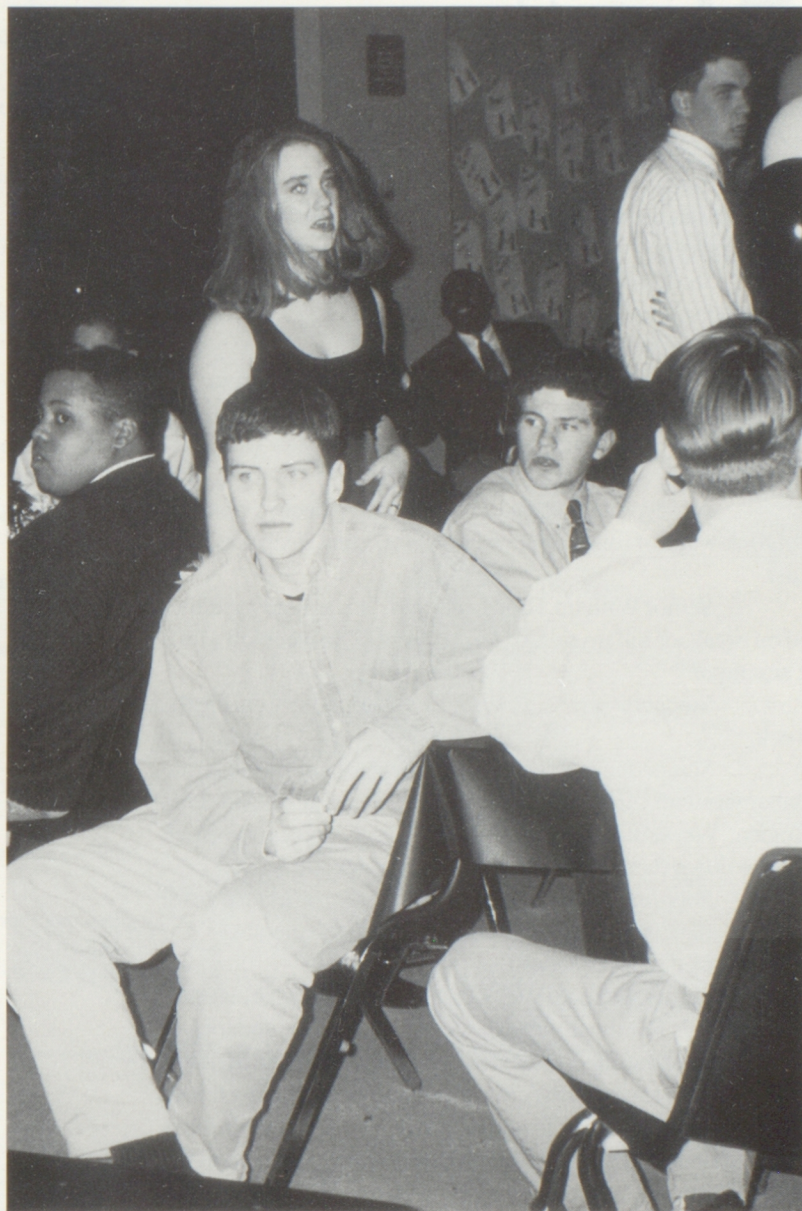


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In the groove—Junior Stephanie Wells and sophomore Lance Dixon show off their style during a dance at the Snow Ball, Feb 24.

A small kiss—Senior Ayesha Abdullah and date Dontez Hoffman show off with a little kiss at the dance, Feb.24.

Spring Supprises

As the signs of spring became evident, students became more anxious to throw aside all their schoolwork and start thinking about their spring break destinations.

Students had various vacation spots in mind. Some planned to visit relatives and friends in other parts of the United States while others wanted to get out of the country all together.

Senior Mike Kelly said of spring break, "About this time of the year I start to get really sick of all my classes, and teachers, and pretty much everything involving school. It was nice just going to (Cancun) Mexico."

A few students did not have any specific place in mind. A week of relaxation, no homework, and sleep was their goal.

Senior William Thompson said, "I was ready to either go on break, or kill myself, one or the other. I just couldn't take it any more."

Students were scattered all over the country during the week.

Senior Janet Buckley said, "I went on a cruise in the Bahamas with Amy McDonald, Beth Burnquist, and Lela Braden. We went shopping and tasted many aspects of the rich culture down there. We also drank in the surroundings."

Sophomore Beth Soike said, "I only traveled to Iowa city, but man, the shopping there is like a whole new world, a new fantastic point of view."

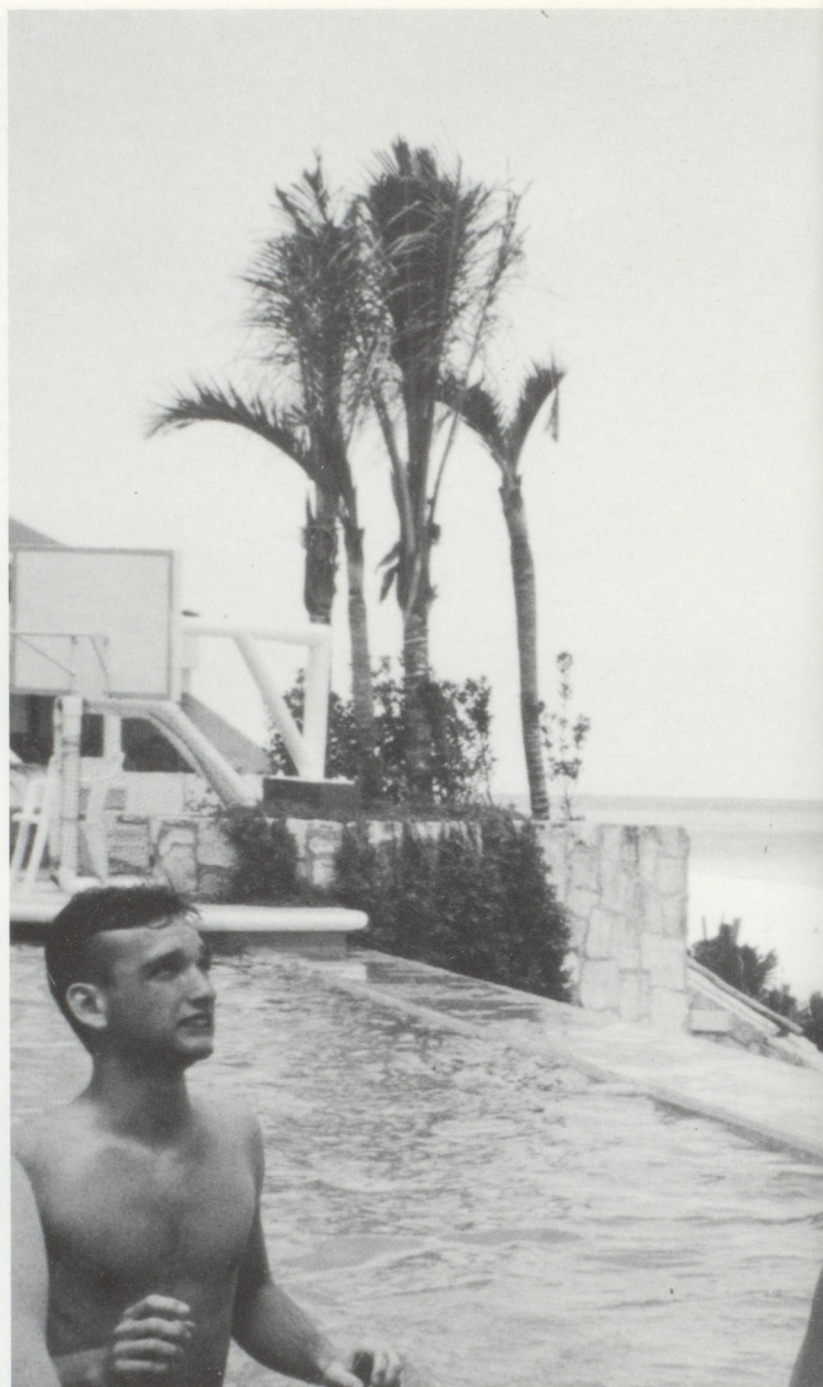
Spring break for many was a chance to escape the daily school grind. For those who traveled outside the boundaries of Iowa, they had the opportunity to see and experience new things. For those who stayed in the city, it was a week of slowing things down and taking a break from the norm. Whatever their plans were, students agreed that Spring Break week came just in the nick of time.



photo courtesy of Geneva Moore

Playing the tunes—junior Geneva Moore busts a funky move on the drums at her friend's loft apartment downtown.

Do a little dance—Seniors Emily Minnis and Megan Carrico and a friend follow their guide's dancing directions on the proper way to dance the "Macarena".



Splashin'

around — Jun-

iors Brad Steffen

and Todd Strum

play basketball

in the pool of the

Hotel Oasis, the

hotel they stay in

while on a trip to

Cancun, Mexico

with their Span-

ish IV teacher,

Gerald

Hollingsworth

and with fellow

class members.

Skiing the slopes – Sophomore Nate Curl skis by a giant mountain of snow while on a ski trip in Winter Park, Colorado.



photo courtesy of Nate Curl



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Sorting things out– Seniors Janet Buckley and Beth Burnquist rummage through their belongings to find what they need for a busy day in the Bahamas.

Center stage– Junior Praveen Bannikati strums out a song in a cafe in Merida, Mexico.



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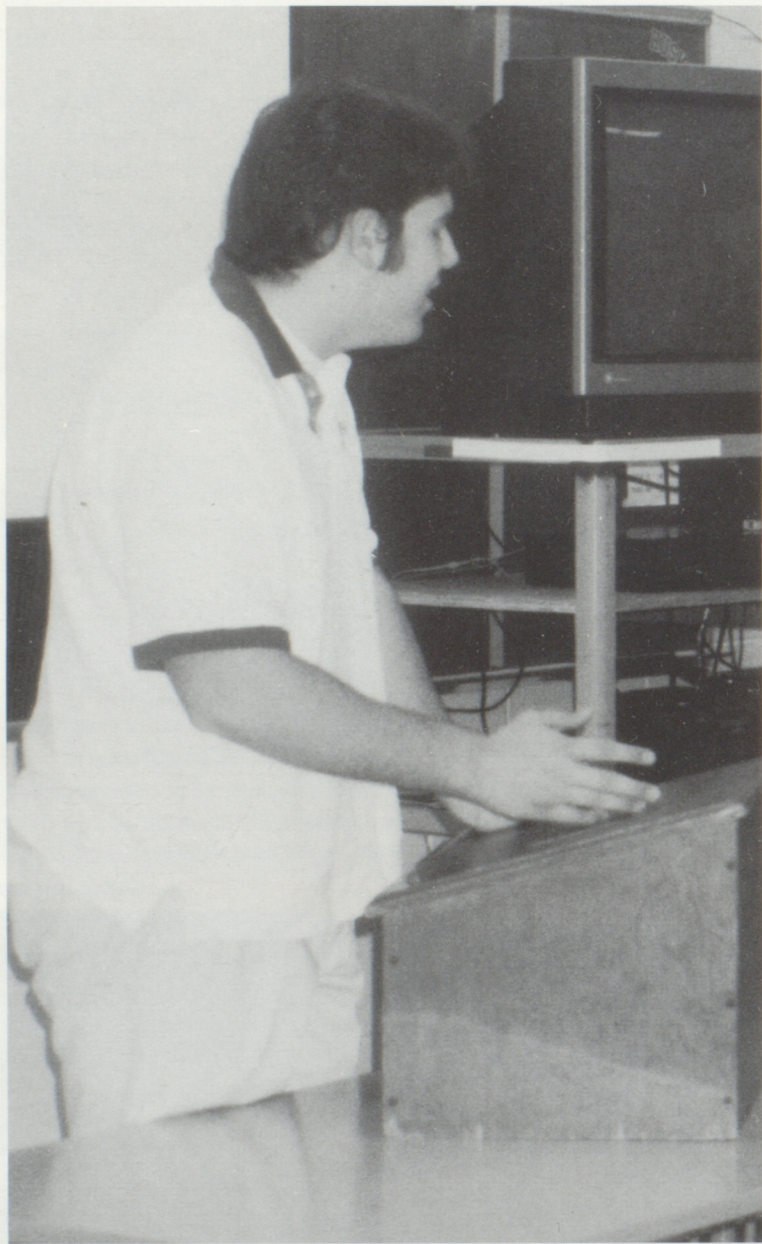
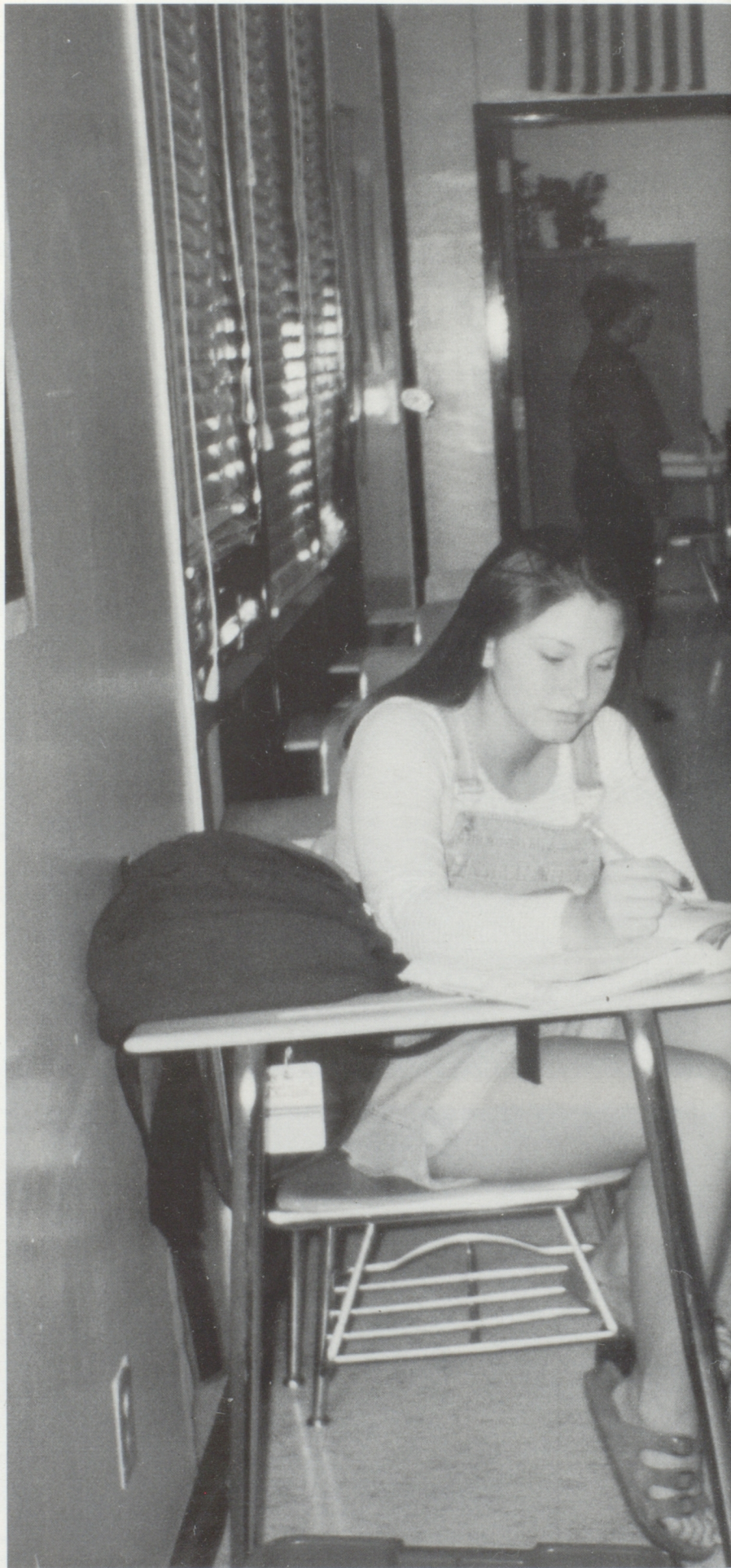


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Making a point – Senior Jason Van Hemert makes his opinion heard at a National Honor Society meeting. National Honor Society was led by co-presidents Jon Talcott and Andrea Kueck, vice-president Tom Stehl, secretary Nga Lam, treasurer April Taylor, and parliamentarian Jason Cowden. NHS was involved in such activities as the Blood Drive, Make-a-Difference Day, and writing a grant for the GNCC.

Hard at work – Juniors Katie Bierma and Kathi Buckley study for an upcoming test in the journalism room. Bierma was a student in Journalism I, taught by Laura Ahrendt. Buckley was the primary photographer for the *Challenger*, and also took photos for the yearbook.



Live & Learn

The bell rings, and another school day begins. The students slowly file to class. Although the student body is diverse, academics is the common thread that weaves the many cultures of Hoover together.

Living and learning is what school is all about. Academics is the key to success later in life, and Hoover provides students with the opportunity to expand their knowledge.

In the foreign language department, Spanish teacher Gerald Hollingsworth gave his students the opportunity to visit a foreign country, Mexico, and use their academic skills to communicate with another culture.

Mary Slater also provided extra-curricular activities for her French class. They traveled to Newton for a five-course French meal. While the students appreciated this excursion, they also learned a great deal about the French culture, which was the goal of the trip.

The Academic Decathlon team used their knowledge in competition. They competed with other district schools, and placed third in the city competition and third in district, an indication that Hoover students excel in the area of academic achievement.

Central Campus was again offered to Hoover students that sought to expand their knowledge still further. Students were able to choose from a variety of courses designed to help them prepare for the coming years of college.

The top three percent were the students dedicated to earning the grades needed to enter college. They worked hard to achieve this goal, and were well-rewarded with recognition at the end of their tenure at Hoover. These students exemplify the academics program at Hoover High.

The bell rings to signal the end of the school day. The students file out of class quickly, ready to begin their after-school activities. Although they are anxious to leave class, they are secure in knowing that each day at school provides them with knowledge that will be useful later in life.

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Sharing knowledge — French teacher Mary Slater goes over the lesson plan with her first-year French class. Slater teaches both Hoover and Meredith students, and her room is located between the two schools.



photo by Loan Pham

Accent on... Language

Hoover's foreign language program is a model of longevity. Gerald Hollingsworth has taught at Hoover for 18 years, and Mary Slater has taught at Hoover for eight years. A third teacher, Beth Eilers, just joined the department for the '94-'95 school year, and a fourth, Dana Wester, also teaches Spanish.

Hollingsworth teaches Spanish. Each year, he gives students the opportunity to use his teachings by setting up a non-school-sponsored trip to a foreign country, chaperoned by himself and his wife. This year's trip was to Cancun, where students had the opportunity to see the many cultural sights of Mexico.

Hollingsworth said, "Most years the trip goes smoothly, but there's always the occasional person who doesn't listen to the advice I offer them. These students are usually the ones who come crawling back begging for my help."

Slater's forté is French. She also teaches an Introduction to Foreign Language class at Meredith Middle School.

Each year, she takes her fourth-year French classes to Newton for a five-course French meal at J.T.'s Cuisine. Slater said, "The place doesn't really look like a restaurant, but more like a farmhouse. The kids enjoy it anyway."

Beth Eilers joined the department in 1994, teaching Spanish and French. Her schedule this past year was made up of mostly Spanish II classes, with one period of Spanish I and one period of French I.

Eilers said, "I enjoy the teaching atmosphere at Hoover. I was surprised when I first arrived how casual the atmosphere was, but the students were still able to concentrate and enjoy learning."

Dana Wester teaches two periods of Spanish I for Hoover.

Relative newcomer — Beth Eilers is in her second year in the foreign language department. Her students said she has been a positive influence.



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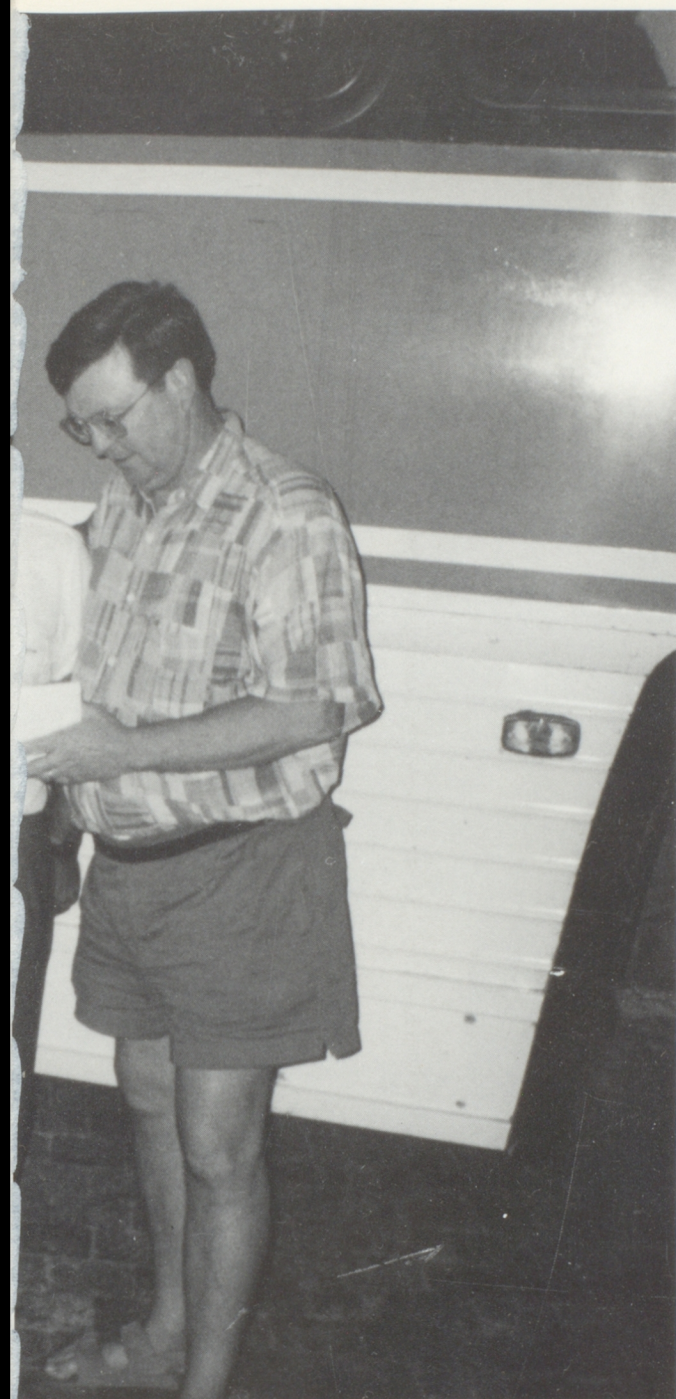


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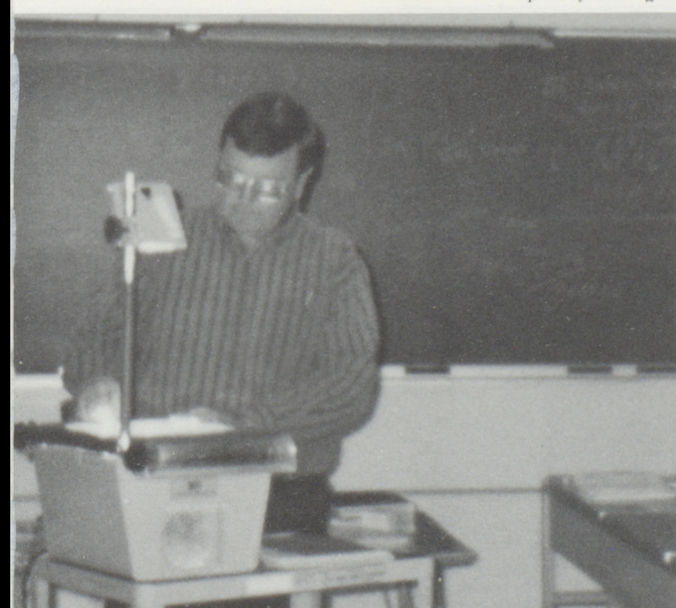


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Making arrangements — Spanish teacher Gerald Hollingsworth discusses his plans with a tour guide, Ruben Sánchez, the bus driver, Cochese Smith, and junior student Katie Bierma in Cancún, Mexico. Hollingsworth has sponsored the trips since 1969.

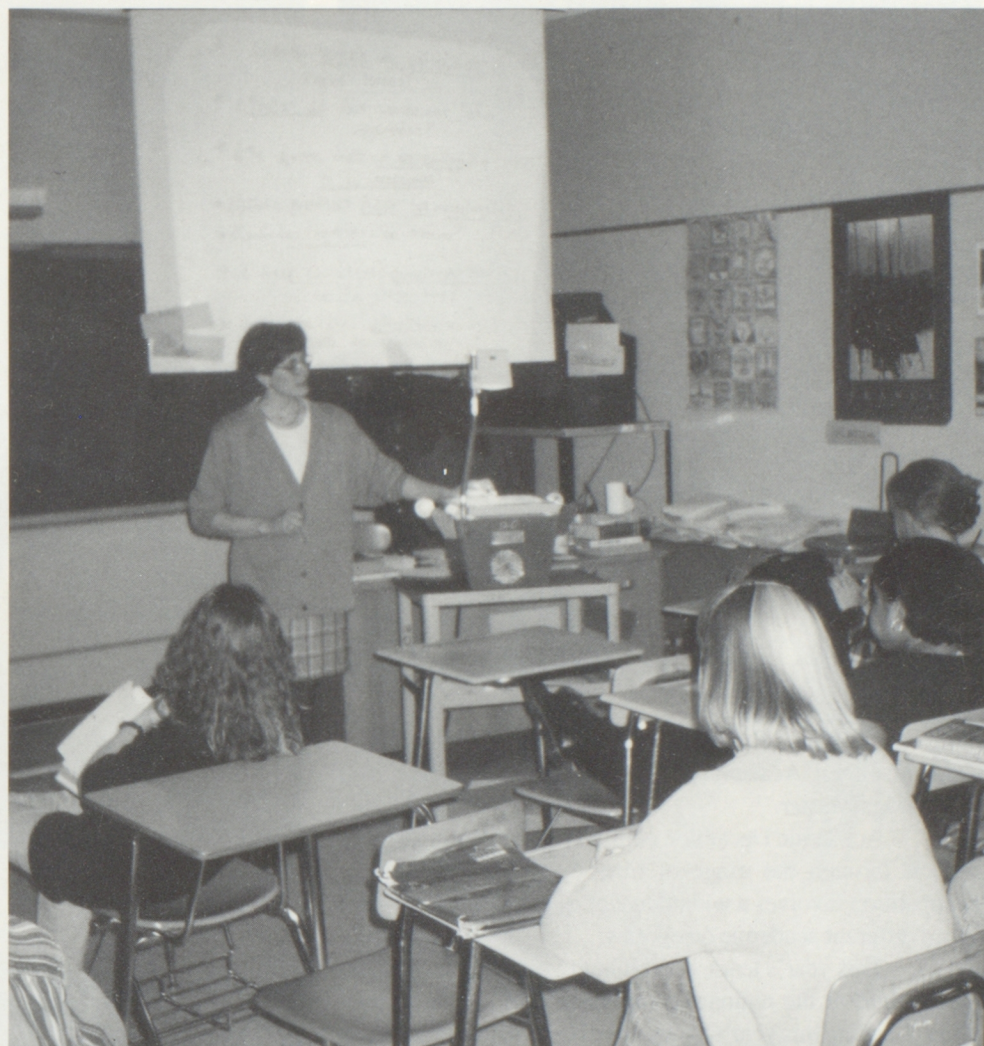


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Busy schedule — Señor Hollingsworth, shown here teaching a Spanish III class, has a busy schedule outside of his duties at Hoover. He teaches DMACC classes at night, and is also a certified driving and motorcycling educator.

Sinking in — Spanish and French teacher Beth Eilers hopes her lesson plan for the day is sinking in, while her third-period class listens. Eilers said she enjoys the learning atmosphere at Hoover, and the willingness of her students to learn.

Surprise, surprise! — Mary Slater gasps with surprise at the answer of one of her first-year French students. Slater has been teaching at Hoover for eight years, and an equal number of years at Meredith.

Academic Decathlon team, front row – Loan Pham, Deven Cole, Terri Bradley, Bill Cone; back row – Will Simms, Jeanda Cavan, Joseph Nagle, Steve Whitney, Kristina Sheaffer, and Melissa Boatwright. Not pictured – Jason Van Hemert and James Grimaldi.



photo by Pam Pilcher

Using their Heads

A variety of academic clubs were held at Hoover this year, including: Academic Decathlon, the Chess Club, and Knowledge Master.

Academic Decathlon consists of competition among schools through the usage of fiber optics communication. Competition involves a wide range of questions varying from seven different academic categories.

This year's team won all but two of its matches and placed third at the regional competition, the best in several years. Leading this year's group were co-captains junior Loan Pham and junior Thai Do. They both said the season went well.

"We had a very successful season, placing high at regionals, mainly due to having a full nine member team with many alternates," Pham said.

The team was guided by Coach Pam Pilcher, who said she was also impressed with the overall season.

"We did well in the fiber optic competition," said Pilcher. "Hoover has a strong academic student body to draw from, so our strengths will continue."

Knowledge Master is focused on one main competition each year. This year's was cancelled due to blizzards.

"I was disappointed that the meet was cancelled but the team will be ready for next year," said senior Jason Van Hemert.

This year's chess club was small, but they mainly just had fun said junior Michael Mondt.

"This year's team was too small for competition, but we're just starting out and will have a competitive team soon," Mondt said.

A fresh look –

Freshman Bill

Cone eyes a pam-

phlet, awaiting an

Academic De-

cathlon meeting

at Hoover on Feb.

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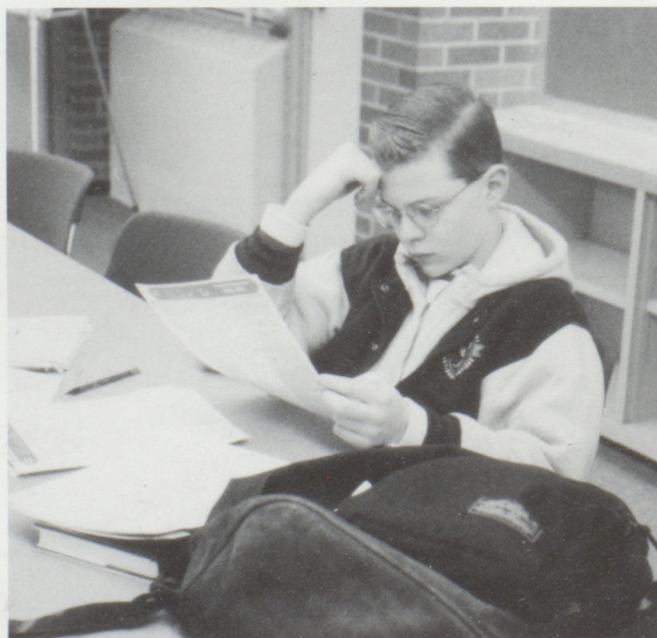
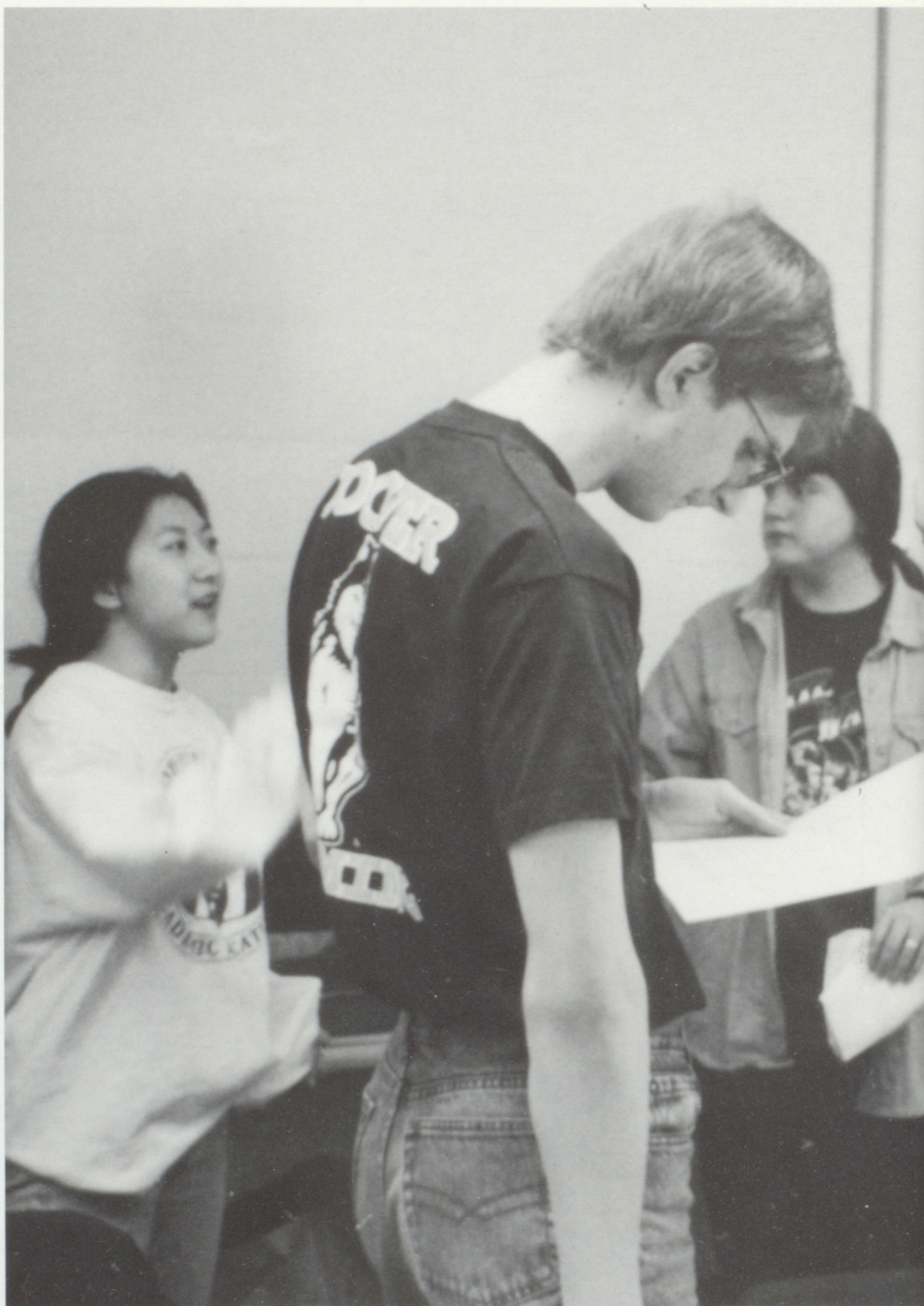
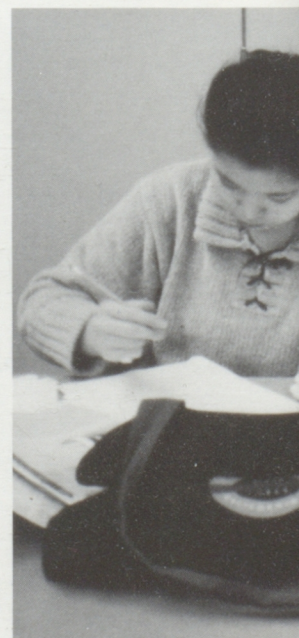


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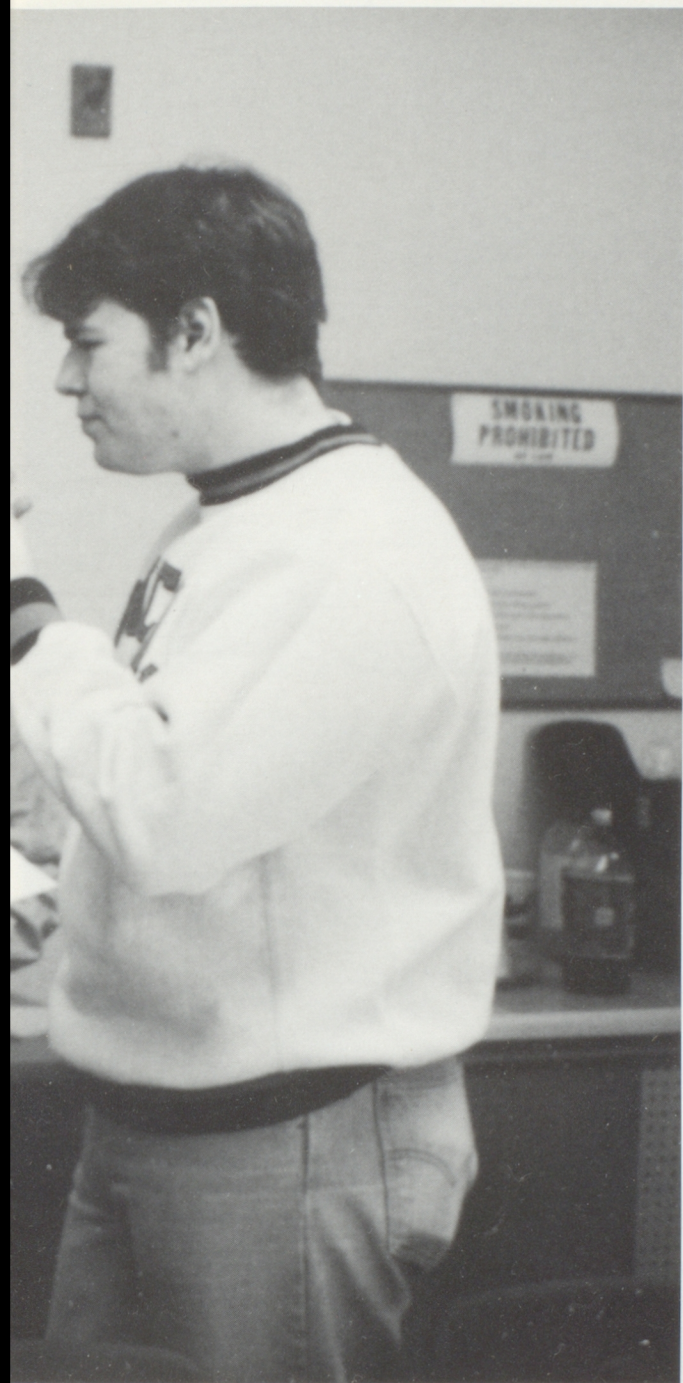


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Waiting to study – Seniors James Grimaldi and Jason Van Hemert await a study session at Samuelson Elementary in preparation for regional competition.

Searching the Net – Junior co-captain Loan Pham searches on the computer to find information on her topic.

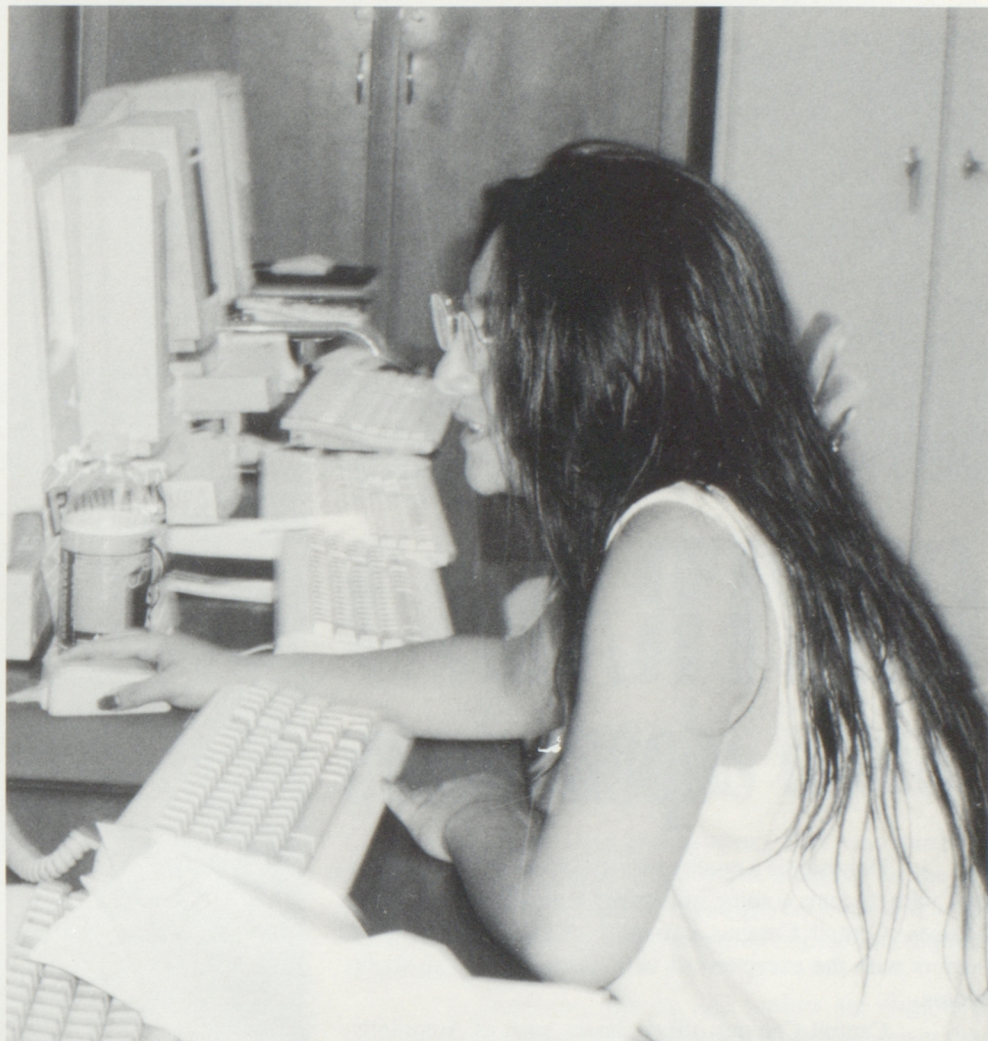


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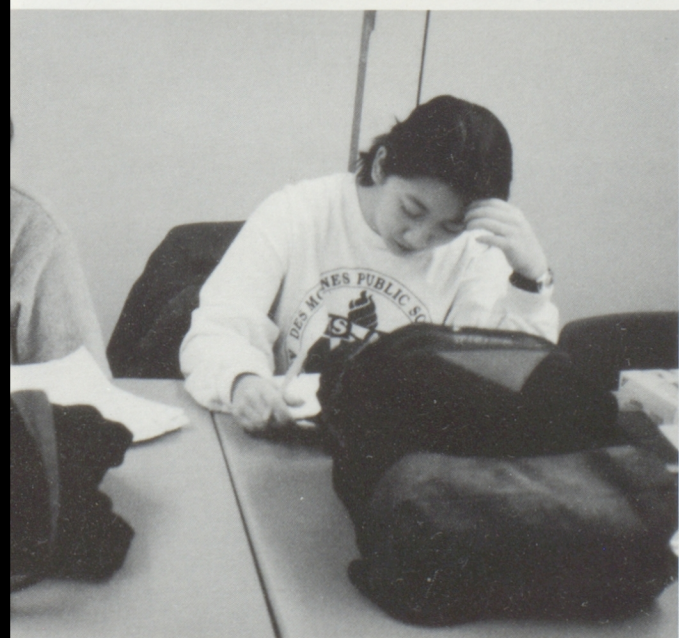


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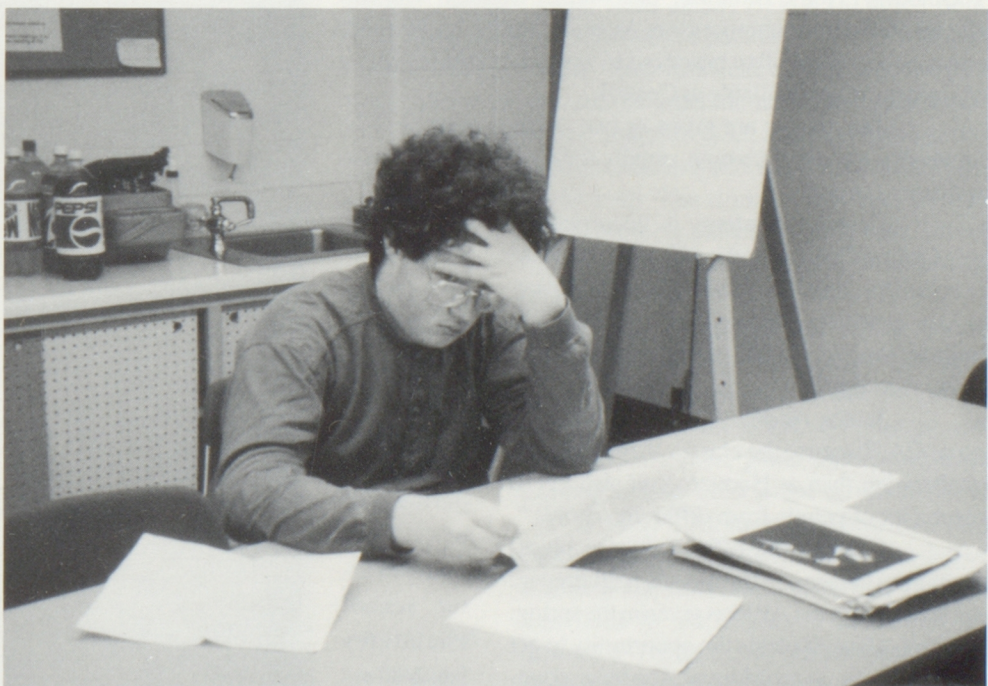


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Trying to concentrate – Senior Jeanda Cavan and junior Loan Pham prepare for a competition at Hoover on Feb. 11.

Tired of studying – Sophomore Joseph Nagle tires of his work before a competition at Samuelson on Feb. 16.

How's it go? – Junior Kari Behn rereads the procedures while junior Kristina Selander monitors the electron meter as a classmate from North looks on during a late night lab done at Central Campus.



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Taking over – Senior Minh Dao gets a chance to teach his AP Chemistry class at Central Academy all he knows about carbons during his presentation on Mar. 13.

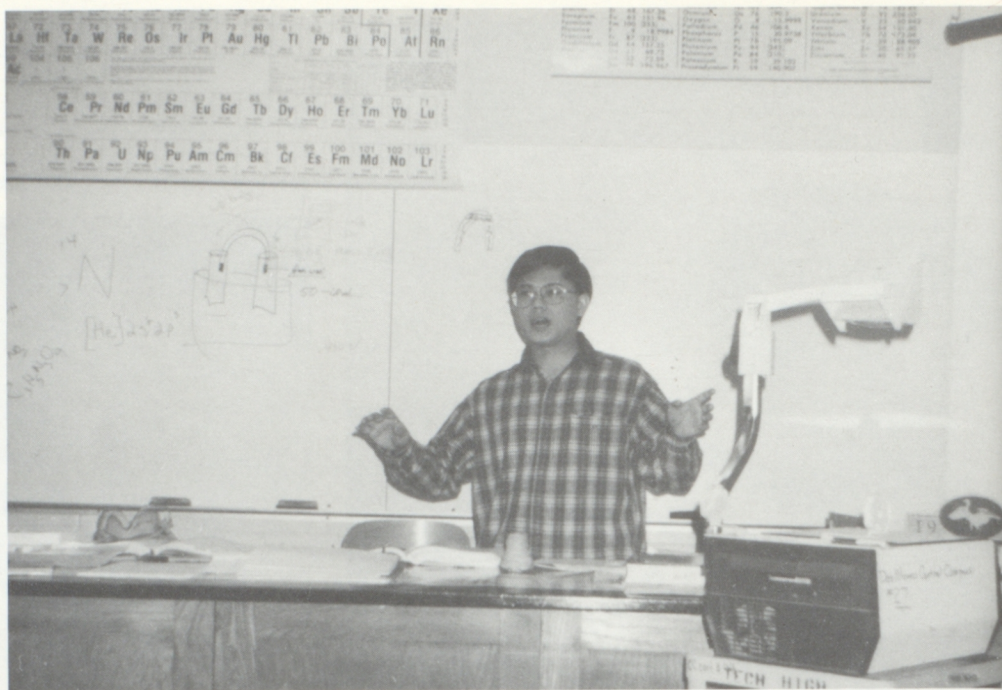


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CENTRAL

opens doors

Diversity is a quality that stands out at Central Campus, with students coming from every high school around Des Moines. Central Campus is mainly offered to juniors and seniors with the exception of two classes offered to sophomores.

Central Campus offers classes such as Automotive Technology, Home Building, and Marine Biology. The two classes offered to sophomores are Aviation I and Home Remodeling. Students are often bused out to work sites in cases where equipment is not available at Central.

The classes are given in two or three hour periods. Students are given extra time, usually fourth period, to travel to and from Central.

Central Academy is incorporated into Central Campus and is offered to students in eighth through 12th grade. To enter and stay in the Academy, students have to earn and maintain an "A" or "B" in a class to move on to the next level.

Junior Andrea Kueck continues to go to CA "because the classes there are more challenging than at Hoover. You also get to meet a lot of people from different schools."

Central also offers advance placement prep courses. The courses help prepare the students for the AP tests given in the spring. The tests allow students the opportunity to get college credit. According to Academy counselor Eleanor Verwers, these prep courses are "more fast paced and more in-depth than classes offered at the home schools."

Don't drop it!

– Senior Skott Lorenzen works intently on mixing chemicals during one of Jerry Farrel's after school chemistry labs held every other Weds. at Central.



photo by Loan Pham



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Did you hear? – Senior Jennifer Merrit and a fellow CAI member discuss the latest gossip of the day at the CAI luncheon.

A friendly lunch – CAI director Nancy Winebrenner enjoys having a bite to eat and sharing in the conversations of her CAI students at the CAI luncheon.

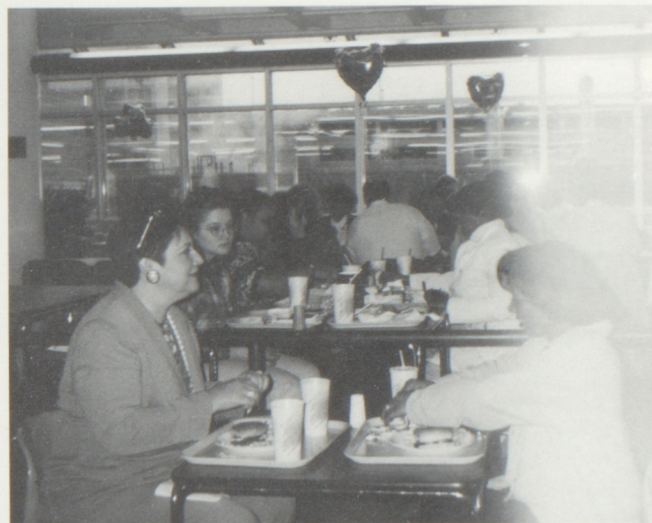


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CAI works it out

Corporate Academic Institute, CAI, was started in the '92-'93 school year. It has given students on the job training before they graduate. Students earn one and a half credits each semester to help meet their high school requirements for graduation.

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors are eligible to enter this curriculum. The students need to have fewer than 12 absences per school year and at least a 2.0 grade point average to obtain an application packet from the counselor or Nancy Winebrenner. Interviews can also be requested for those who were not able to meet the minimum standards.

There are two stages to CAI. The first is the extern stage. It gives "students who are still unsure learning experiences," said Winebrenner. The students are required to do major projects called "Exhibitions" along with essays and other out-of-school assignments.

Entering in-
formation –
Senior Maisha
Rudison types
an appointment
into the com-
puter at her CAI
work station.

The second level is reserved for seniors only. It is called the intern level. This level is for students who have specific educational/professional goals. As interns, students explore their goals and obtain basic training experiences under professionals.

This year, CAI students spent two days each week in the classroom and three days at learning stations. The classroom situation was used to teach basic work habits and attitudes. The learning stations let the students work one-on-one with trained professionals, giving the students job experiences and career ideas for when they enter the work world.

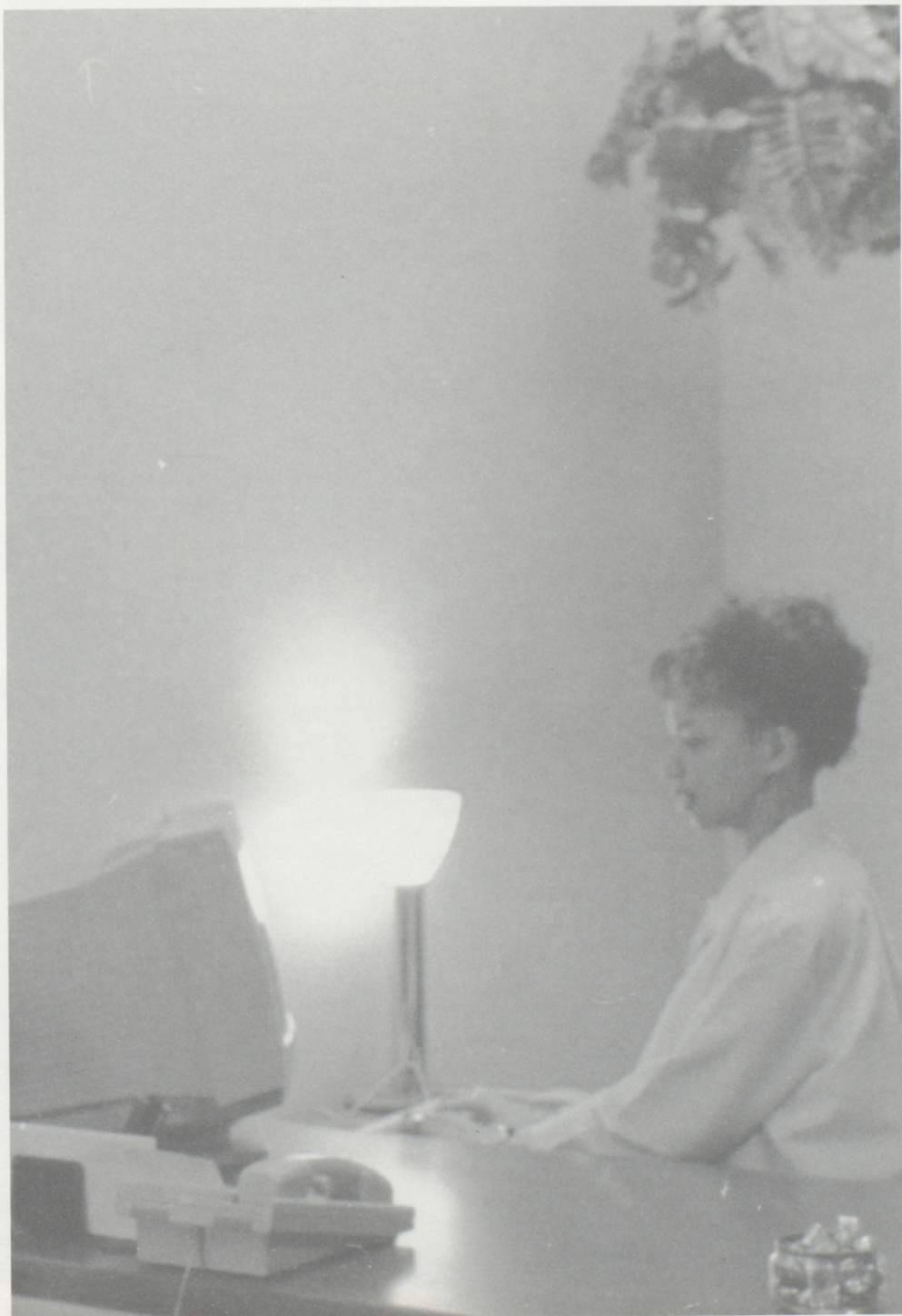


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P.E.O.P.E.L. PE, front row – Frank Chambers, Jason Tomlinson, Travis Hauser, Nick Folk, Chris Kuilema, J.R. Fitzgerald, Gere Williams; second row – Nikki Davis, Suzie Brueklender, Nick Pisarik, Tiffany Walker, Veronica Brown, Sally Allan, Eboneice Cason, Josh Emerson; back row – Virginia Williams, Chris Bengtson, Andy Fetter, Anna West, Megan Carrico, Mike Mefferd, Andy Fetter, Jenny Brandt.

Ready to shoot – Freshman Frank Chambers prepares to make his shot at the Special Olympics.



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PE.O.P.E.L.

gets physical

P.E.O.P.E.L. PE, Physical Education Opportunities for Exceptional Learners, is cooperatively taught by Dave Linder and Cindy Grandquist, with help from Joan Mickle, Bobby Sandquist, and student helpers (partners). P.E.O.P.E.L. is a “specially designed curriculum to include individual leisure activities, team sport skills, and social skills,” Linder said.

Sports such as bowling, basketball, and swimming help the students develop their social and team skills. Activities like camping, fishing, and ice skating were introduced to the students to give them something they can take with them to their home environment. Grandquist said that the “big emphasis is on teaching the kids things they can take and apply to their lives.”

The class’ main goal this year was to target in on the various Special Olympic Events, such as bowling, volleyball, swimming, and basketball. In previous years, Hoover had participated in only track and field events. This was the first year “unified” teams were introduced. The teams consisted of P.E.O.P.E.L. students and student helpers.

According to Grandquist, the partners were a big asset. They introduced the students to the school life.

The partners who were involved in Student Council sometimes brought students with them to show them what happens at meetings. The students also shadowed partners working in the counseling offices. Grandquist said that the experience gave them a sense of involvement within the school.

On the move –

Freshman Nick Folk and senior Heather Mallette move down the court during a P.E.O.P.E.L. PE. competition.



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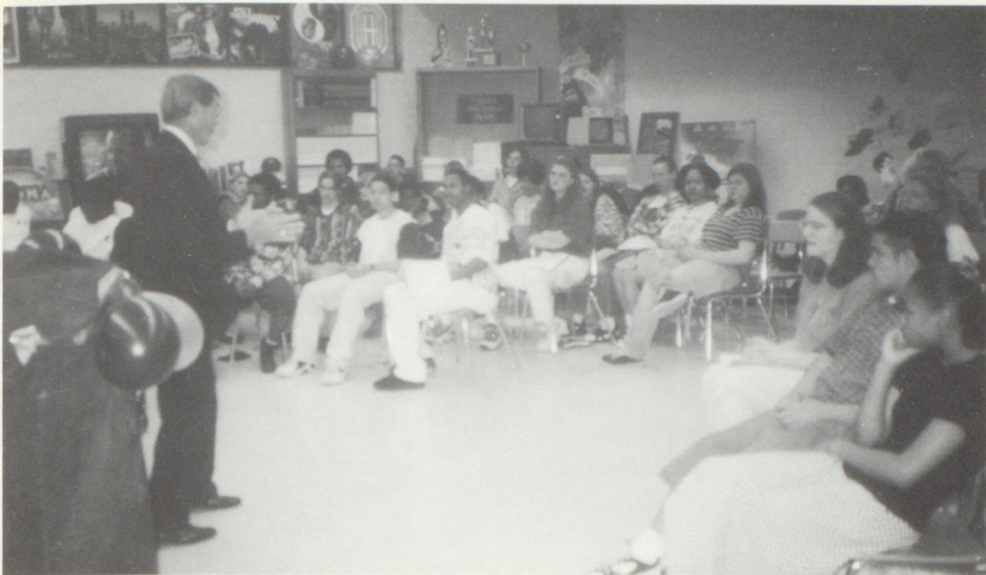


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Graduation day – Principal Bill McCollaugh speaks to the sophomore SWS students on their graduation day. The theme for the day was “Above the Rim”.

Clowning Around – Sophomore Cardell James helps educate elementary kids as while as entertain them with the SWS Clown Club.



photo by Lynn Albright

SWS's academic revival

School Within a School, SWS, is an alternative program especially designed to give students with the potential, but not the motivation, a chance in the academic field.

The program is offered at the freshmen and sophomore levels. Virginia Mortensen, counselor for all SWS students throughout their high school years, screens the students while they are in junior high to find out if SWS would be beneficial to them.

“Town meetings”, supervised by Mortensen, were held during first through third period. During these sessions the students participate in constructive discussions, watch movies, and vote on matters that concern the entire SWS student body.

Class clown –

Sophomore Amber

Fontaine performs at

a local day care for

the Clown Club. The

club taught elemen-

tary kids about things

like “saying no to

drugs” and “don’t go

with strangers.”

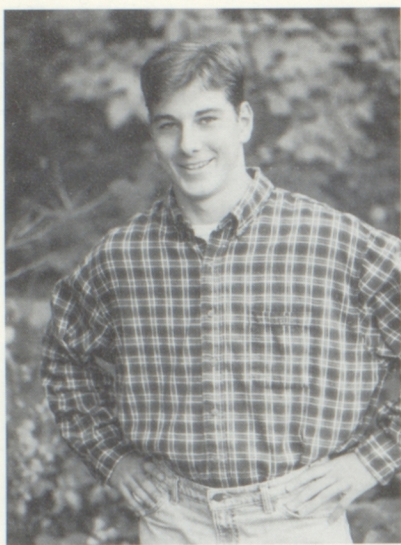
Along with math, English, and history, SWS offers outlet clubs. One such club is the Clown Club, which is only offered to sophomores in SWS. The students dress up in clown costumes and go to surrounding schools and entertain the younger children. “The most interesting thing about SWS was the Clown Club,” sophomore Andrew Johnson said.

SWS classes are smaller, about 15 students, making it easier for teachers to maintain an academic atmosphere.

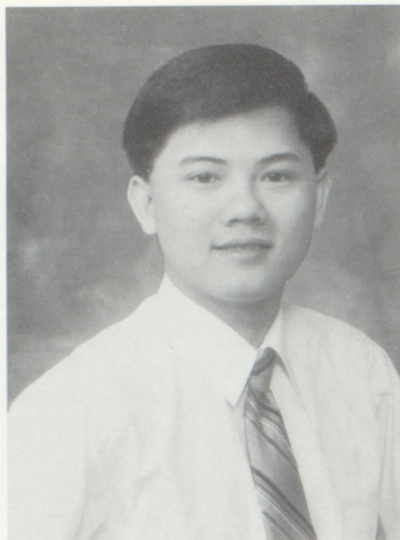
SWS students don’t have problems understanding materials taught. They often are dealing with personal problems that inhibits them from performing academically, teacher Jerry Gay said.



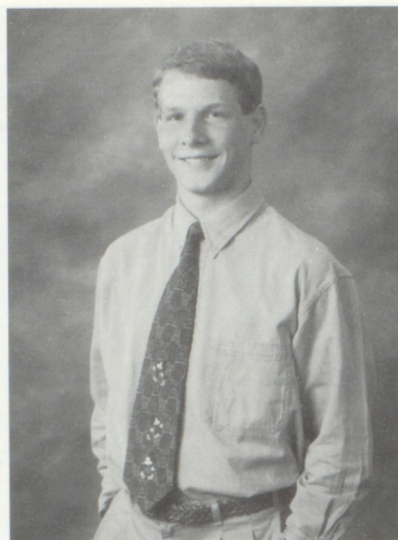
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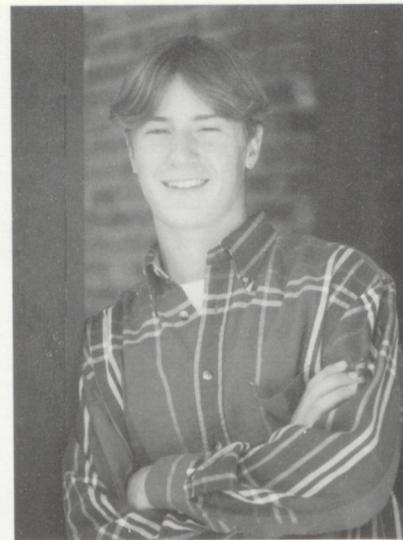
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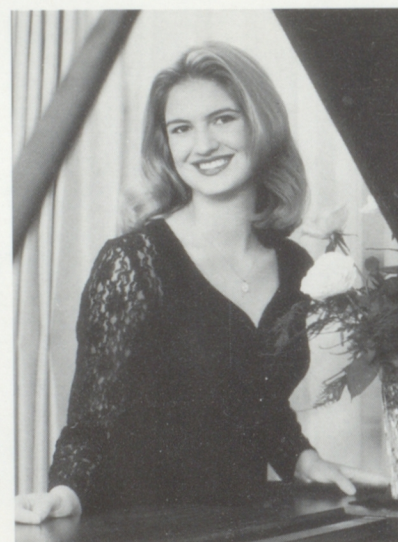
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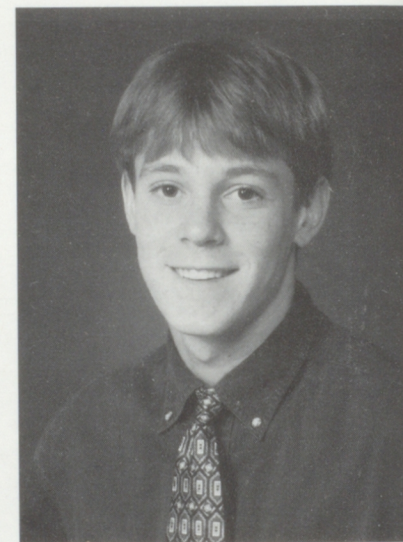
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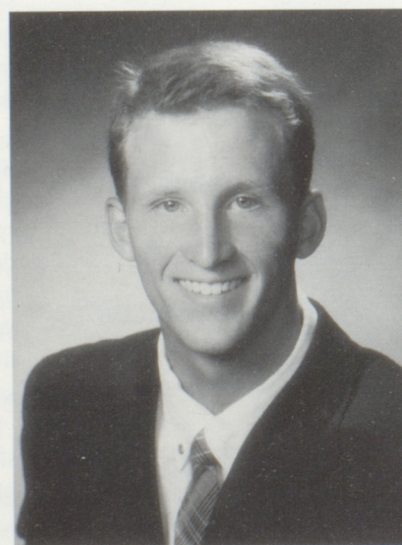
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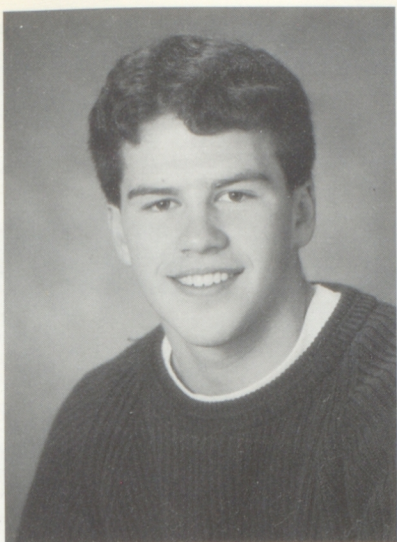
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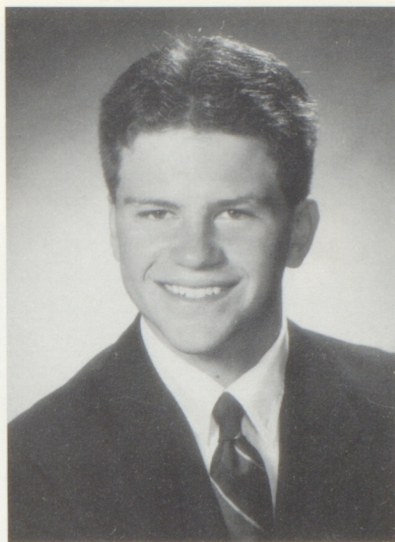
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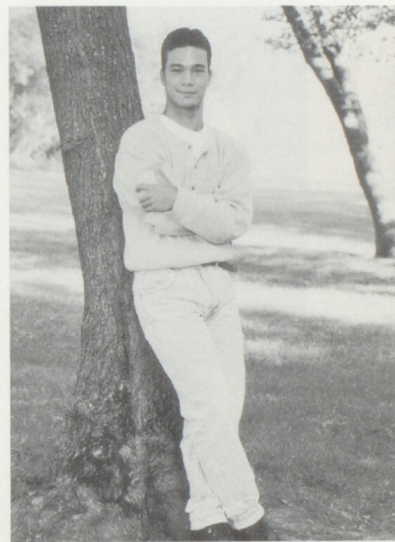
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Head of the Class

This year, 18 students received the honor of being recognized as the top three percent of the senior class. This distinction is typically perceived to be an award presented to dedicated, hard-working students who have put in more than their share of time and effort for their schoolwork. These students finished at or near the top of their class this year.

Senior Minh Dao said, "I am very thrilled to be included in the top three percent. I studied hard, and tried to learn as much as I could during my high school career. I only hope my studies have adequately prepared me for college."

Dao was one of many who expressed concern about his college future. Senior Chris Sampson said, "I'm happy to be included in this category. I have worked hard the last four years, but it's kind of a relief that it's over. Hopefully, this recognition will boost my college application a bit. There's a lot of tough competition out there."

While these students have already begun looking toward the future, their accomplishments will stand for future classes to admire. Senior John Miller said, "I hope the underclassmen will look at our example and try to follow in our footsteps."

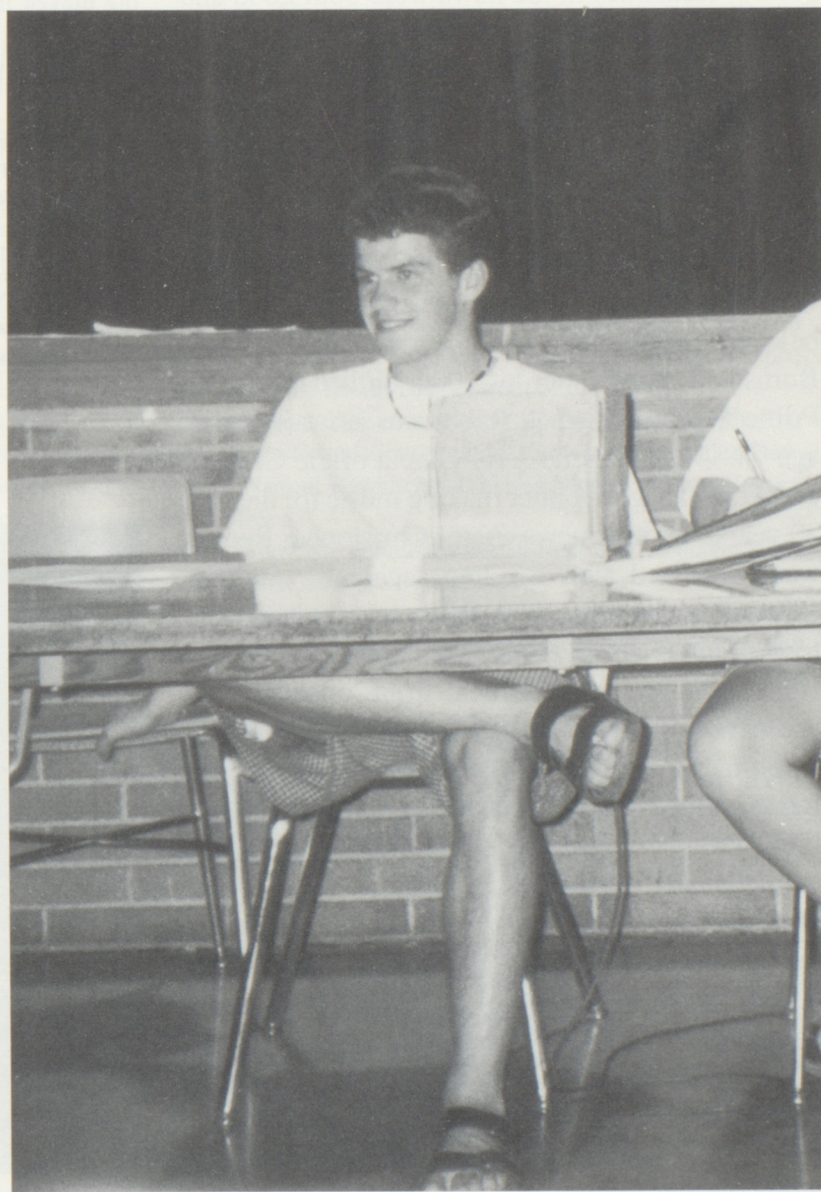


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Leading the way — Senior Bryan Howe presides over a student council meeting in the auditorium. Howe was student council treasurer as well as a member of the top three percent.

This & That

So what was happening during '95-'96? Who made the headlines? Who topped the charts? What made us laugh? What made us cry? Step into mini-mag and revisit all the news and events that made headlines during the year and made '95-'96 memorable.

Headlines in the news were both good and bad. First the good news. The United States got a visit from Pope John Paul II. The FBI arrested suspects in both the Unabomber and Oklahoma City bombings. Baseball player Cal Ripken Jr. broke the record for number of consecutive games with 2131 games attended. Aids patient Jeff Getty received the first bone marrow transplant from a baboon on Dec. 14.

On a sad note, there was the loss of many beloved people this year. Comedian George Burns died shortly after his 100th birthday. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated at age 74. Music legend Jerry Garcia of the Grateful Dead died at age 53, after making music for the past 30 years. In other news, Actor Christopher Reeves was paralyzed after a riding accident. And the Blizzard of '96 broke record low temperatures and record snow falls all around the United States.

On the Entertainment front, musicians Seal and Alanis Morissette proved to be the favorites at the Grammys this year. Seal took home grammys for Best Song and Record of the Year for his ballad "Kiss From a Rose." Morissette took home four grammys, including Album of the Year. While at the movies, Mel Gibson's "Braveheart", proved to be the big winner, taking home Best Movie and Best Director honors for Gibson. Nicholas Cage took home the honors for Best Actor for his role in "Leaving Las Vegas" and Susan Sarandon won Best Actress for "Dead Man Walking".

And that's what happened in '95-'96.

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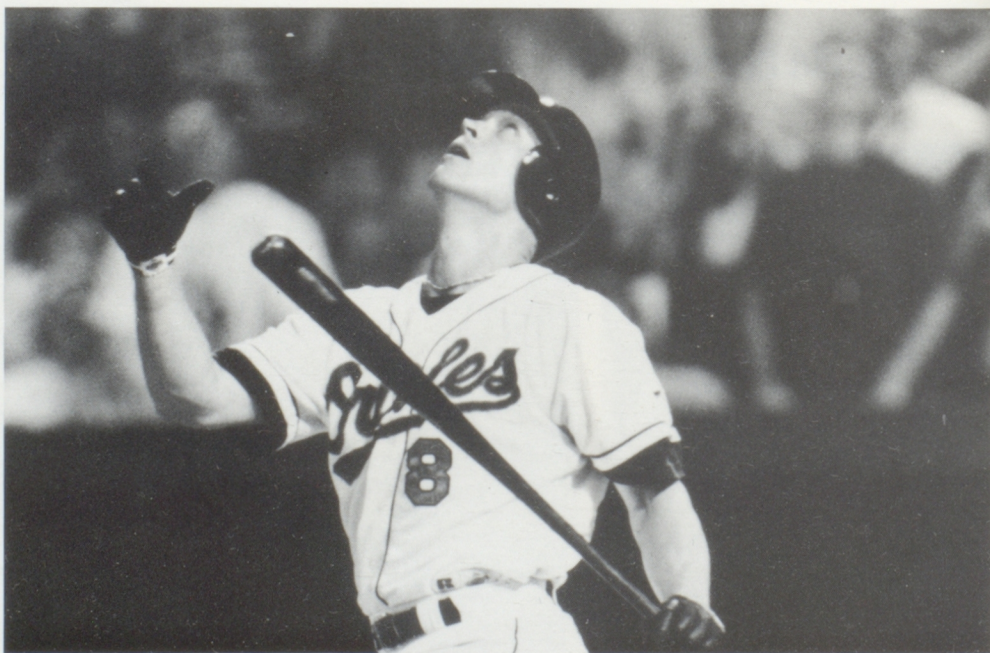
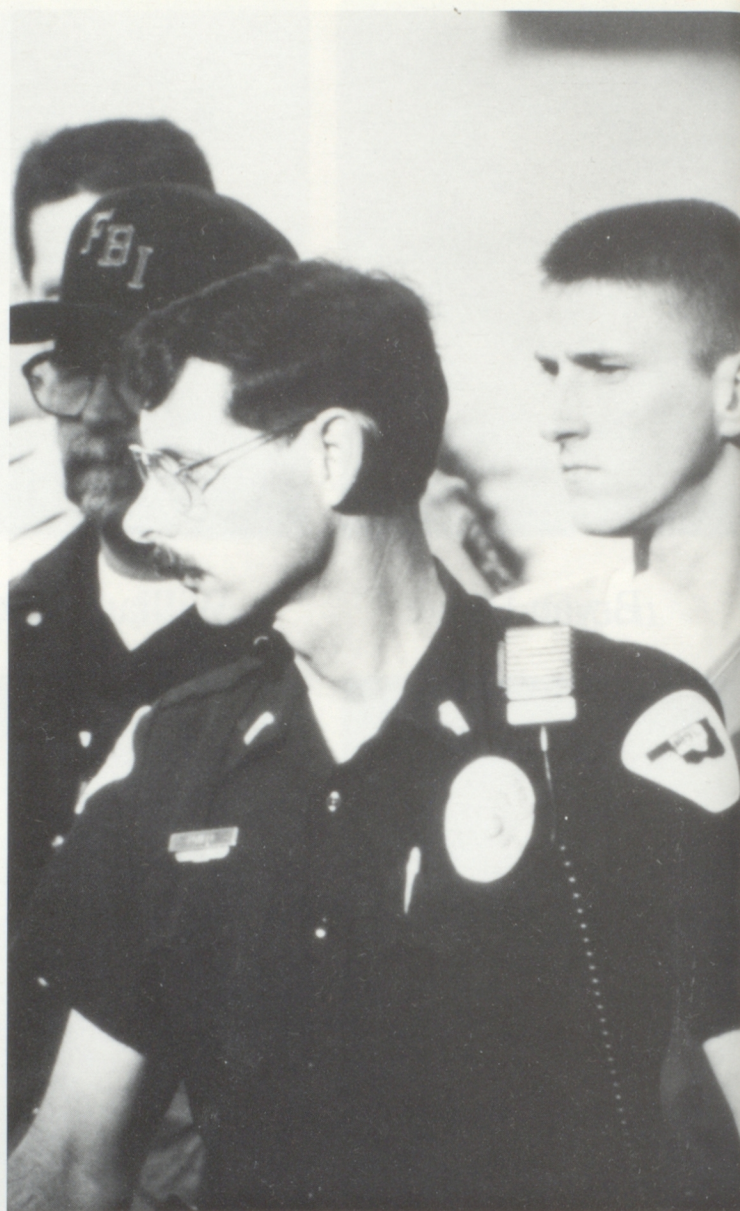
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Well-guarded pris-

oner — Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols were charged with 11 counts in the bombing of the Oklahoma City Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The explosion on April 19 killed 169 people and injured more than 500.



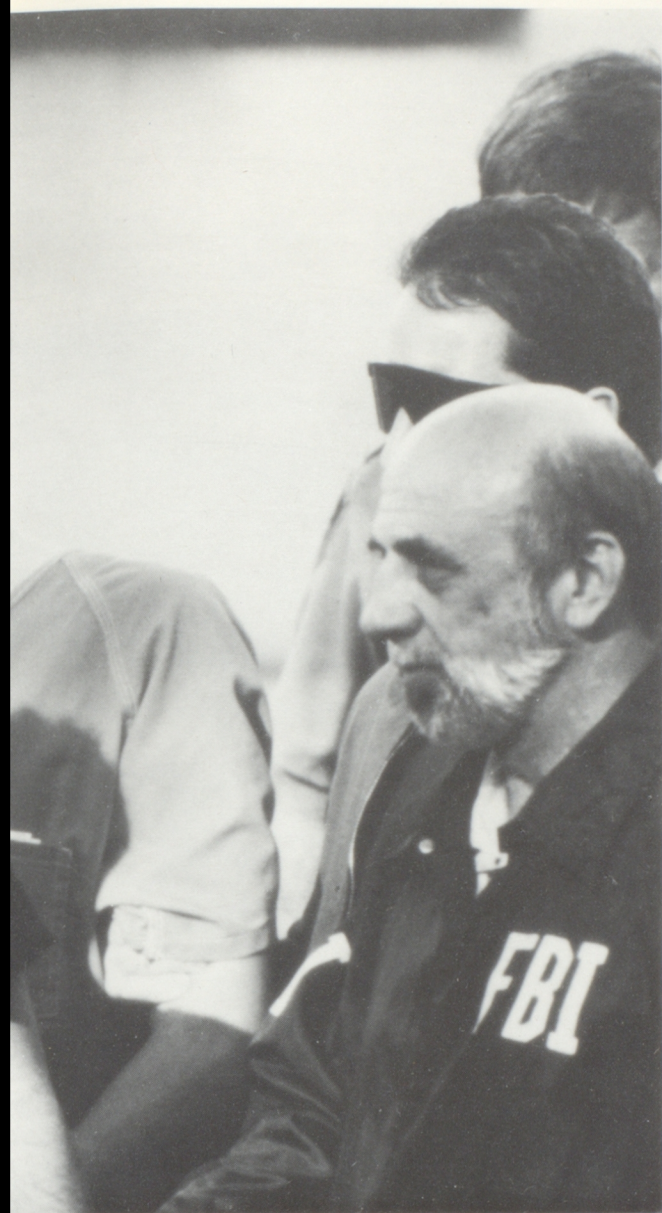
As Civil War raged on in Bosnia, the United Nation sent in troops to help restore peace.



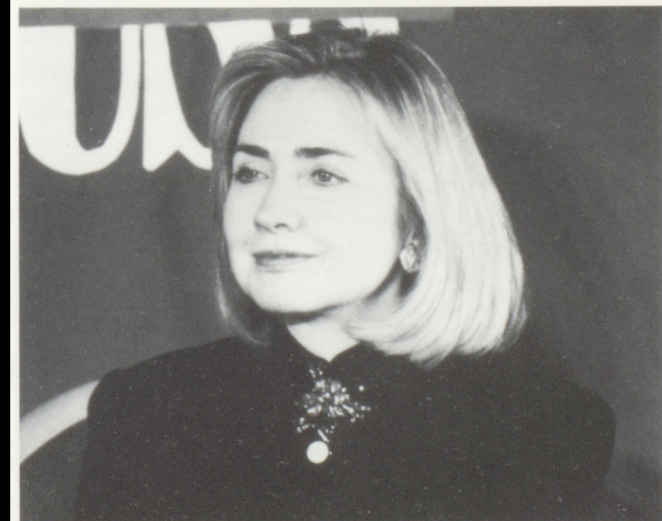
Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated on Nov. 4 at the age of 74 at a political rally. Rabin worked to bring peace with the Palestinians.



Shawntel Smith was crowned Miss America on her 24th birthday. Viewers called in and voted on whether the swimsuit competition should be part of the pageant. 79 percent said yes.



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Troubled waters — First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton had a difficult year, after the failed health care reform she was a leader of and with the Whitewater scandal, but the First Lady regained some ground with the publication of her children's book *It Takes A Mountain*.

Stormy weather — Hurricane season for the Atlantic region was devastating. Officials had almost reached the end of the alphabet naming the storms and started over with the Greek alphabet.



Making a Difference

Sacrificing sleep on a Saturday morning, around 100 volunteers and organizations got together to establish the Great Northwest Community Campus.

On Oct. 28, volunteers began arriving at 7:30 to start the clean-up. They were greeted with coffee and donuts provided by National Honors Society.

The Meredith Special Education and the Hoover Drama and Music Departments worked on planting flowers around the campus. The flowers were provided by Earl May Nursery. Science students introduced earthworm to the soil in the flower beds in front of the schools.

\$1500 worth of trees were also planted around the campuses of Hoover and Meredith. The funding for the trees came from the Gannet Foundation, a works study program called New Horizons, and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The Des Moines School District provided the mulch for surrounding the trees.

Fencing was put up by the Hoover Booster Club around the soccer field. The volunteer labor saved \$900 and ensures the safety of all those who use the field.

According to the Great Northwest Community Project committee, the purpose of the day was to "provide an opportunity for community awareness of outdoor education, recreation, and improved community aesthetic."



Topping the charts — New-comers Hootie and the Blowfish easy going attitudes and mellow sound proved to be a winning combination for the making of a new chart topping sensation. The group walked away with the Grammy for Best New Artist.



Sen. Bob Dole, at age 72, wins the Republican Presidential nomination, stepping down as Senate Majority Leader to concentrate on his campaign.



Steffi Graf won back to back Grand Slam titles at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. Graf has a total of 19 Grand Slam titles.



In October, Pope John Paul II visited the US for the fourth time since he was elected in 1978. He is the first non-Italian to head the church.

Marching Together

On October 16, 837,000 black men came together in Washington and marched in a spirited rally for unity and brotherhood. The Million Man March was organized by Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, which caused a hotly debated proposition on both sides of the color line due to Farrakhan frequent anti-Semitic remarks.

The controversy surrounding the legitimacy of the event caused many civil right groups, including the NAACP, to withhold support. Still, thousands of men from across America poured into the nations capital to march. Even though women were asked to stay home, a few came to support the cause. The men spent the day hugging, singing, praying and pledging responsibility to their families and community. There were many speeches made by the many African-American leaders that came to support the march.

The day ended with participants being optimistic that the outcome of the peaceful gathering would be a greater understanding and acceptance between black and white americans.

Joker Busted

Hoover, along with the other Des Moines Public Schools, adopted the zero-tolerance weapons policy this year. The Herbert Hoover High School '95-'96 handbook states: "The Des Moines Public School will not tolerate the possession or use of weapons on school property or at school related activities . . . and while away from school grounds if such conduct directly affects students or staff. Students who violate this policy may be subject to expulsion and/or other disciplinary action . . . violations of this policy will be reported to law enforcement agencies." A weapon is any object that could be used or is used for malicious purposes. Objects such as knives, and firearms are obvious weapons; but toy guns and water pistols are also prohibited.

On October 3, an incident at the Merle Hay and Aurora intersection proved that the zero tolerance policy will be strictly enforced. The incident involved two cars containing Hoover students returning to school from second Lunch. The cars, the first occupied by male students, the second occupied by female students, stopped at the intersection. One of the young men pointed a plastic toy gun out the window at the second car. Unknown to the students, an adult had pulled up behind the cars and had witnessed the scene. She followed the students back to the Hoover west parking lot, while notifying the police department from her cellular phone.

Vice Principal Billy Stone and Dean of Students Dennis Cumpston identified and suspended the guilty parties later that same day.



The Cranberries, are closing in on U2's reign as favorite Irish band. The group third album "No Need To Argue" was on the charts for several months.



After 30 years of waiting, the Atlanta Braves won the 1995 World Series against the Cleveland Indians four games to two.



Texas billionaire, Ross Perot, joined the race for the presidency announcing he was a candidate for the Independent party.

A mighty

gathering -

The Million Man

March attracts

thousands of

black men and

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mote unity,

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Keeping the halls

safe - Hall monitor

Tam Ho patrols the

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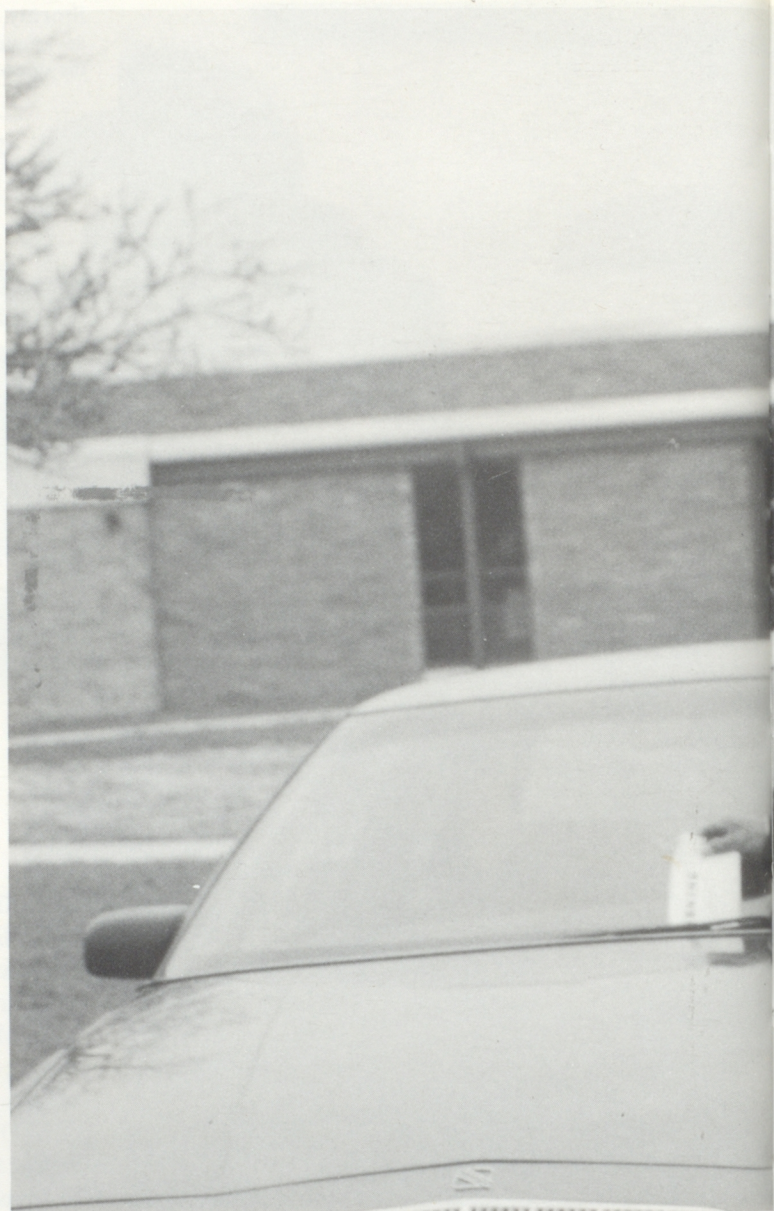


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Taking a stand — Protesters rally to keep affirmative action alive as Congress debates on whether or not it is necessary.



Manhunt Ends

After 18 years of searching, the FBI arrested a man they believed to be the Unabomber on April 3. After two weeks of surveillance, Theodore Kaczynski was arrested at his home in Lincoln, Montana. Authorities were led there by Kaczynski's brother David.

The *U.S. News and World Report* said that the FBI was skeptical at first when they were given information on Kaczynski. He had always been on the list of potential Unabombers, but never a prime suspect. Kaczynski's mother, Wanda, gave FBI agents permission to search her house, thinking it might help prove her son innocent. The agents found old letters from Kaczynski with similarities in the writing and identical phrases that were in the 35,000 word antitechnology manifesto that the Unabomber demanded be published in *The Washington Post* on September 19, 1995. In exchange for publishing the manifesto, the Unabomber said he would stop the mail-bomb attacks on individuals, but not the bombing of buildings.

After Kaczynski's arrest, a bomb squad checked out the house. The investigators found jars of potassium chlorate, sodium chlorate, zinc aluminum, and silver oxide, chemicals used to make bombs. The investigators also found ten three-ring binders with notes tracking the Unabomber's activities over the past 18 years.

Since 1978, the Unabomber has bombed 16 times, injuring 23 people and killing three. The FBI dubbed him the Unabomber because his initial attacks were on universities and airlines. His last attack was on April 24, 1995. Gilbert Murray, the chief lobbyist for a California Forestry Association, died after opening a mail bomb at the organization's Sacramento offices.

The jury began hearing evidence for the case against Kaczynski on April 17.



Ready or not? — Many voters hoped that General Colin Powell would throw his hat into the race for the presidency, but after months of consideration, he said the presidency "requires a calling that I do not yet hear."



TLC won the Grammy for Best Rap Duo for their album "CrazySexyCool", which produced two number-one singles, "Red Light Special" and "Waterfalls".



Baseball said farewell to one of their greatest players with the passing of Mickey Mantle. Mantle died at age 63 of liver cancer.



Russian president Boris Yeltsin agreed to send troops to help NATO peacekeepers in Bosnia. Yeltsin had a shaky first term as president.

Petitioning for Cause

Since January '96, the Des Moines School Board has been debating a controversial issue. Where does "sexual orientation" fit into the school district's hiring policy?

The controversy started in January, when a school board member, after announcing he was gay, was not re-elected to the board. Since then, the council has been debating the issue of sexual orientation and whether or not homosexuals should be allowed to teach. The council has heard many opinions for and against this argument.

A group of concerned parents came up to the school board with a petition with 1,000 signatures on it. The petition stated that they wanted the phrase "sexual orientation" to be excluded from the non-discrimination clause of the hiring policy. The group felt that teachers have a lot of influence over the students and allowing gay teachers to teach in the school district would put the students at jeopardy.

The students fought back with their own petition. Concerned Students of Des Moines, led by Roosevelt junior Kit Murry and North junior Sarah Dirks, went to the council with 5,850 signatures from students from all over the school district. Their petition stated that it was unfair to discriminate against people because of their sexual orientation and they felt that the clause should be kept in. The petition went around all the area high schools.

The Des Moines School District current hiring policy states that a person cannot be discriminated against or turned down from a job because of his/her race, marital status, religion, and/or sexual orientation.

Tragedy Strikes

The tragic death of a Des Moines woman awakened the reality of the increase in violence and violent acts in the city.

Phyllis Davis, a former Hoover graduate, was caught in the middle of a crossfire at the corner of Ninth Street and University Avenue on April 8. She was killed by a bullet that hit her in the left side of her back. She was on her way home from work when the incident happened.

According to police reports, an onlooker had seen a man carrying a gun and fleeing from the scene. Councilwoman Christine Hensley responded to the tragedy with anger, "They have grown accustomed to guns. That is not right."

The event had residents pleading with officials to deal with the issue of rising violence in Des Moines. The City Council responded by passing a resolution pledging to deal with the violence. Councilman Preston Daniels said that there are too many guns on the street "and more needs to be done to get them off the street."



Tens of thousands of refugees flee Bosnia as the civil war wages on. NATO forces continued to attempt to bring peace to the land.



The Dallas Cowboys' claimed their fifth Super Bowl title, beating the Pittsburgh Steelers 27-17 in Super Bowl XXX.



Country superstar Garth Brooks won Performer of the Year at the American Music Awards but refused to accept it saying that all the nominees deserved it.

Staying put -

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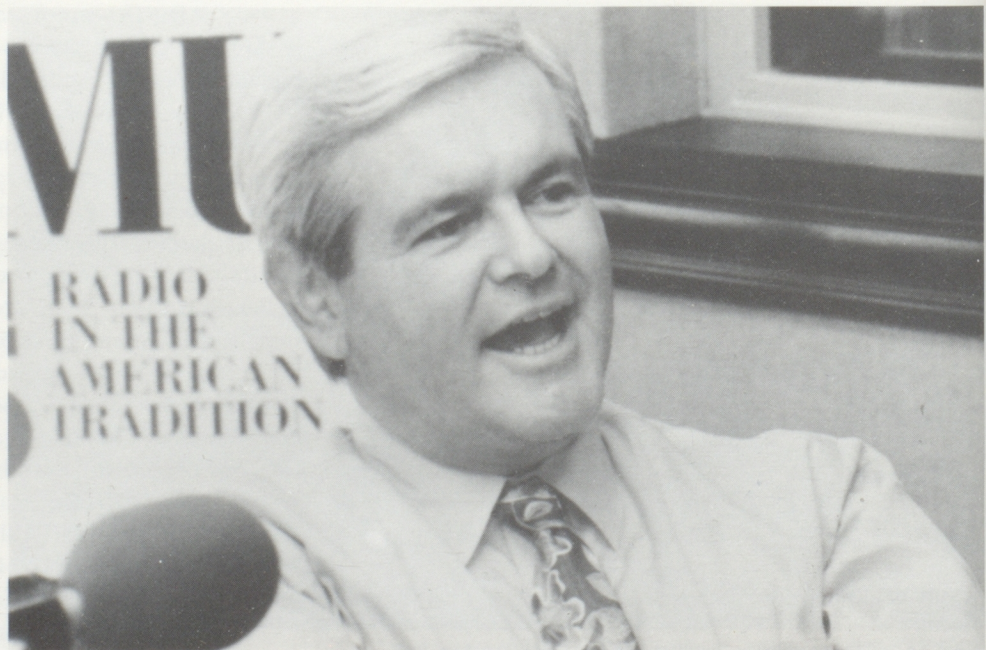
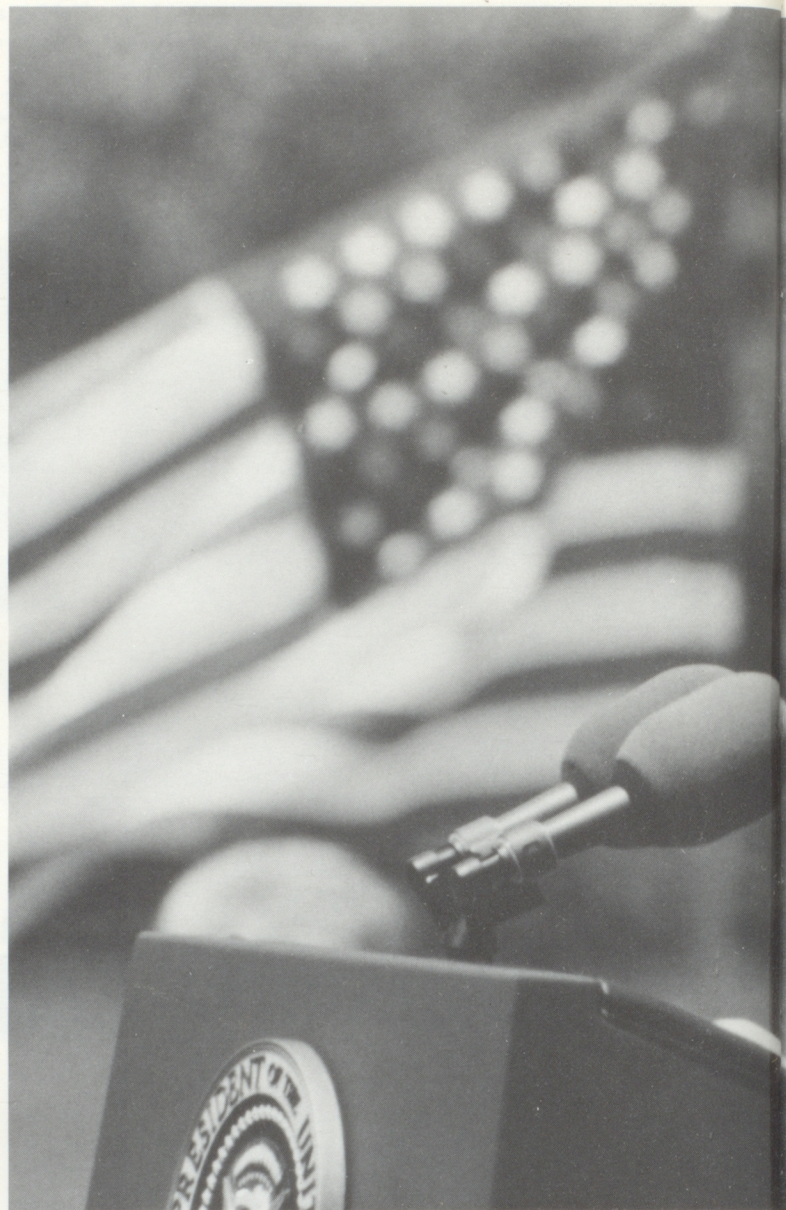
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Four more years?

- President Bill Clinton prepared for another tough political battle; the 1996 presidential race.





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What a view – Hoover students visited Saint Basil's Cathedral in Moscow, Russia during the Sci-Link Russian Exchange III.



photo by Nikki Johnson

The Russian Connection

The Hoover High School Russian Sci-Link Exchange spent three weeks half-way around the world. This is the third year for the program.

Science teacher Tom Ludwig accompanied 10 students, from grades 10-12, to Russia this year. The students were seniors Steve Lyon, Stephaine Roskamp, and Katy Tyrrell, juniors Casey Coppi, Nikki Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Eica Hanlon, Alisha Smock, and Jeff Wilson, and sophomore Ben Minnis. The group left for Moscow on Saturday, April 7.

When they first arrived, the students were given a short tour of Moscow, then dropped off at their host homes.

"The first morning it was hard to get used to their food," senior Stephanie Roskamp said. The students got acquainted with their host families the first weekend in Moscow by going to a circus.

Junior Nikki Johnson said, "Throughout the whole three weeks we visited different English classes, talking to students about American-life and our daily experiences in Moscow."

The following weeks were full of tours, trips, and cultural events for the group to attend. They toured the Kremlin, visited the Cathedral Square and the Kremlin Armory, which holds the crowns and wardrobes of Catherine and Peter the Great, went to several ballets and operas, the paleontological museum and the University, Russia's only college. The students also went to several art museums and cathedrals, along with a three day train trip to Saint Petersburg.

Sophomore Ben Minnis said, "The Sci-Link exchange was a great experience and I would recommend it for anyone if it is offered again."



The Verdict – O.J. Simpson was found not guilty of murdering Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. It took the jury only four hours to reach the decision.



Pete Sampras wins his third U.S. Open title after winning his third straight Wimbledon, both times beating opponent Andre Agassi.



Singer Sheryl Crow won three Grammys in 1995 for her debut album. Crow toured the troops in Bosnia along with First Lady Hillary Clinton.



Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat helped in the negotiations to transfer the West Bank territory back to the residents.



photo by Kari Greenlee

Marching on—Senior Chad McVey and sophomore Jaime Beard perform during half-time at The Cara McCrane Memorial Stadium. Marching Band spent many hours before school getting ready for their half-time performances.

Sharing the joy—Freshman Emily Audlehelm experiences the true meaning of Christmas along with fellow cast members, senior Willy Thompson, freshman Casey Grimaldi, and junior John Audelhelm, in “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever”.



Before & After

Not all activities are just something to do before and after school. Some are very competitive and take many hours of hard work and practice, while others help other students and the community.

The Hoover marching band spent many hours practicing outside before school. They performed during half-time at football games and at numerous competitions.

In debate, senior James Grimaldi was the Iowa High School Speech Association (IHSSA) state speech champion.

The Hoover arts started a new performance called "Herbie's Hideaway". The "Hideaway" was a coffee shop atmosphere. Students and teachers performed skits, sang, and recited poetry.

The Peer Helpers were under direction this year by Hoover's new counselor, Jan Callan Mashek. They held assemblies for elementary schools with inspirational speaker Pat McManus. They also helped at conferences and tutored students before finals.

Imani Players did many performances such as "A Woman Called Truth", "Abolition Flier", and "African Christmas", which was held at a Kwanzaa function. The Imanis aim at sharing their knowledge of African-American cultures with the community.

The drama department did a number of performances including, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory", "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever", "The Bad Seed", and "Scapino". There was also a performance of Commedia held at Java Joe's.

Activities play a crucial role in building Hoover. Students spend many hours before and after school representing Hoover by participating in activities. Activities give students a chance to use what they have learned, before and after school.




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First semester officers—secretary Dave Peterson, vice-president Veronica Brown, treasurer Billy Howe, president Diondra Tate.

Taking the minutes – Secretary Tiffany Camus takes notes during a second semester meeting.



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**Student Council
Reps, front row**

- Bridget Evans, Lela Braden, Candy Mason, Beth Burnquist, Angela Neve, Teaondra Gilkey,



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Amy Lee, Katy Tyrell, Karla Rosales, Jessica Harris, Jodi Solberg, Sarah Bray, Precious Carter, Michelle Foote, Shayne Cobine, Jessica Lovejoy, Abbey Williams, Sue Peterson, Bryan Howe, Tim Schnoor, Jake Smith; second row – Amanda Butts, Max Faust, Alishia Smock, Emily Minnis, April Taylor, Kristin Bray, Sally Allan, Tara Patterson, Maria Hill, Nick Brockman, Jennifer LePera, Katie Bierma, Libby Mace, Tiffany Camus, LeeAnn Hofferber, David Quinones, Willy Thompson; back row - Nic Hoover, Tim Coughenower, Ryan Johnson, Nick Anderson, Jay Hall, Ayesha Abdullah, Tiffany Walker, Kelly Christopher, Tuffy Jackson, Ryan Doughan, Scott Johnson, Nikki Johnson, Magan Harris, Courtney McCourmick, Matt Griffis, Nick Folk; officers - Billy Howe, Veronica Brown, Diondra Tate, Dave Peterson.

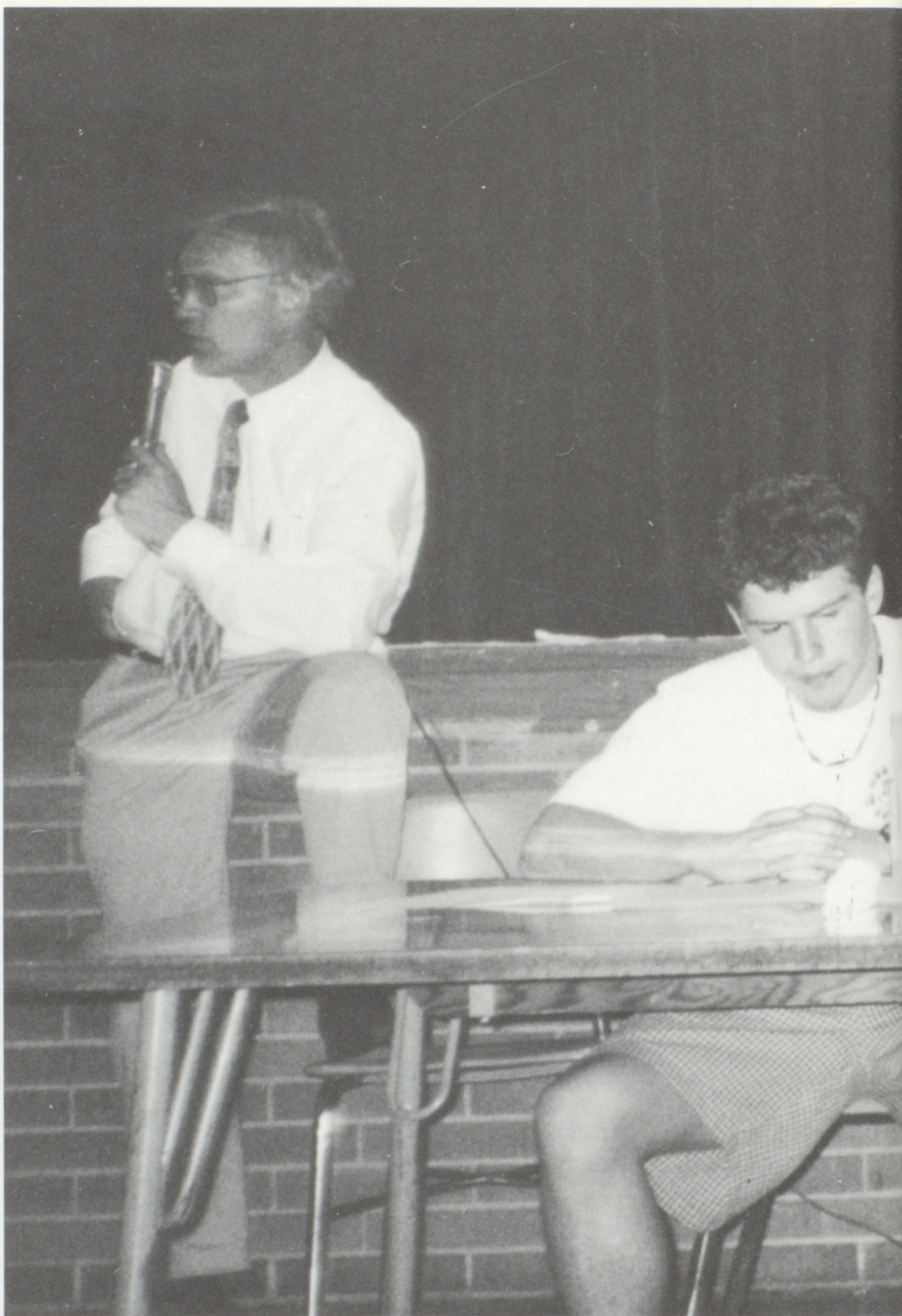


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Taking charge

Busy working - At the first meeting of second semester, vice-president Katie Bierma takes notes on the meeting as treasurer Bryan Howe listens.

Student Council made a difference to Hoover students through its many committees' work. Some of the committees which were active included the Homecoming Committee, S.A.D.D., TLC, intercultural, Service Committee, Cafeteria Committee, Social and Spirit Committees'.

This year the Homecoming Committee broke a school record with almost 600 attendants at the Homecoming Dance held on Sept. 30. "Homecoming was such a success," said senior Marci Simonini, "that we didn't have to do any fundraisers for Student Council because we raked in so much cash."

The Spirit Committee, in a successful attempt to boost school spirit, held many homeroom contests such as "Which homeroom could sing the school song the loudest" after Spirit Week was shortened in the fall. The Spirit Committee was also responsible for organizing the pep assemblies that were held throughout the year.

Student Council was also home to Interculture Programs (ICP). The goals of ICP are cultural awareness and student acceptance. Teachers who sponsored these programs included Janiece Ochoa, Mary Ann Spicer, Bill Griffin, and Vinh Nguyen. Intercultural Programs organized and led activities during Black History Month in February and diversity week and the multicultural luncheon in mid-April.

Second Semester president Jake Smith said, "It was really great being a part of Student Council. We accomplished

everything we wanted to. It felt good to be involved in something that actually matters."

Student Council sponsor and vice-principal Dennis Ramsey commented on the second semester cabinet's goals. "The new cabinet (members) are focused on getting all the committees functioning and working on activities for

the good of the students and the school and sometimes even the community," vice-principal Dennis Ramsey said.

Ramsey also said he encourages all students to get involved in their school's activities, regardless of whether they're a Student Council member.

"What most students don't realize is that any student can be a member of or even chair a committee without being a representative," he said.

First semester treasurer Billy Howe said, "I feel that we got a lot of good things accomplished. We were able to get a lot more people involved this year than in the past, and hopefully they can continue to make positive changes next year and in the future.

The first semester officers were: Diondra Tate; vice-president, Veronica Brown; Secretary, David Peterson; and treasurer, Billy Howe. Second semester officers were: president, Jake Smith; vice-president, Katie Bierma; secretary, Tiffany Camus; and treasurer, Bryan Howe.



photo by Kirsten Knox

Second Semester

officers - treasurer, senior Bryan Howe; secretary, junior Tiffany Camus; vice-president, junior Katie Bierma; president, senior Jake Smith.



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Speaking loud and proud - Second semester officers introduce themselves at the first meeting of the new semester.

Listen and learn - President, senior Jake Smith and vice-president, junior Katie Bierma look on as committees speak.

Let's talk — Senior David Quinones speaks at the diversity assembly in the auditorium.

Clubs Serve Students

There were three major clubs sponsored by the student council in the beginning of the 1995-1996 school year. However by the end of the year there remained only two. Citing decreasing membership and a common sponsor, S.A.D.D., which stands for students against drunk driving and T.L.C., which stands for teen leadership connection and specializes in drug education and prevention, were combined to increase productivity and leadership inside the community.

"We felt it was necessary to combine the groups in order to do a better job serving the community," said junior Charlene Meyer, president of S.A.D.D.

Despite declining attendance the group remained active, sponsoring the Red Ribbon campaign against drunk driving, making educational posters to hang in the student center and even sponsoring the drunk driving simulator that was at Hoover in the fall.



photo by Eric Groen

The other club sponsored by the student council was ICP. ICP stands for Intercultural Programs and was established to promote diversity within the school. ICP sponsored several events throughout the year, most notably diversity week from April 20 to April 25. Diversity week included a diversity assembly, a cultural pride fair, and a multicultural lunch.

"The whole week went really well. I was really impressed with the student participation," said ICP president David Quinones.

"I was really proud of the group this year, they did a great job," said ICP sponsor Mary Ann Spicer.



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Dancing through the school— A group of dancers from Nigeria perform at Hoover thanks to the Yoruba Cultural Group and ICP.



photo by Eric Groen

On deck— Senior

Marlon Morales

speaks at the diver-

sity assembly as se-

nior Lukasz Nosek

and juniors Cody

Peer and Candy Ma-

son look on.



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Tying it up— Juniors Precious Carter and Charlene Meyer tie a red ribbon onto a car for S.A.D.D.

Staying on Pace— Seniors Monica Losee and Jennie Ruby watch a race against Lincoln as Senior Swimmers Chad Murray and Jeff Bash look on.

Timing is Everything—Senior Amy Hanlon watches the stopwatch during a meet versus Lincoln at Hoover.

Keeping Tabs—Senior Katy Harris and junior Andrea Kueck keep track of times against Lincoln.



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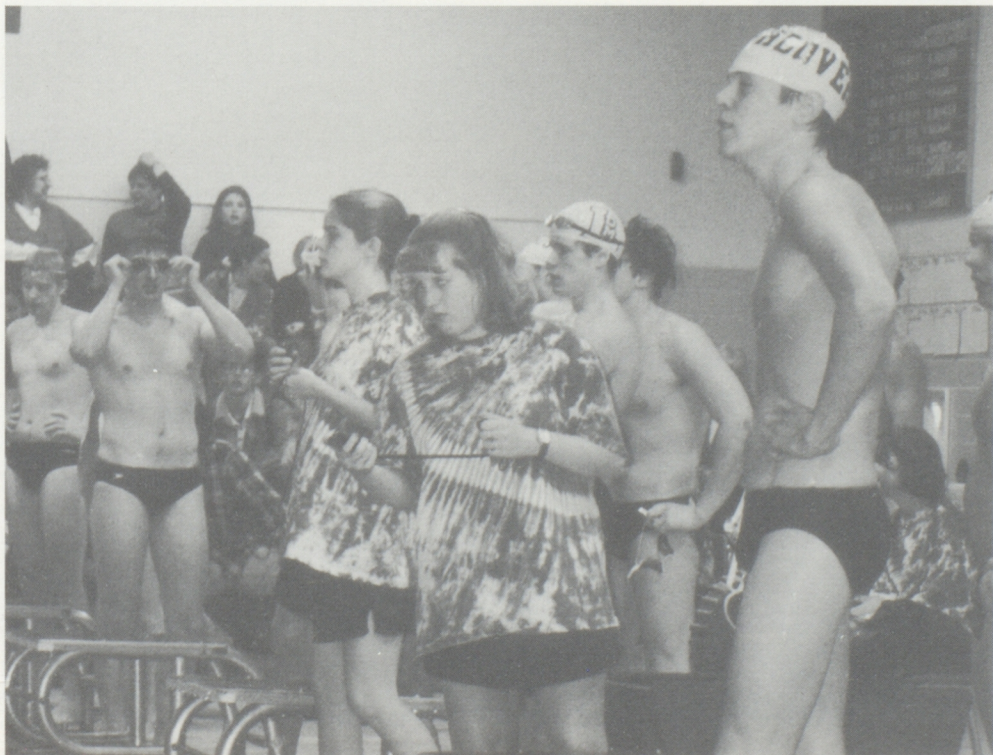


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Keeping The Time

The Timer's Club and Yell Leaders were once again involved with the men's swimming team. They ran the home meets, were responsible for all the timing of the events, and were the primary cheerleaders for the team too.

Men's swimming coach Dave Linder said, "This year's Timer's Club did an outstanding job of running our swim meets. They are a unique group in that they basically do the jobs normally reserved for adults at our swimming meets. This year's organization and professionalism was even higher than their normal standards of excellence."

The Timer's Club and Yell Leaders were led by co-presidents Amy Hanlon and Jennie Ruby, vice-president Katy Harris and secretary/treasurer Monica Losee.

"Our goal and purpose was to make the meets go as quickly and smoothly as possible and to encourage the swimmers to go faster and reach their goals. I have had a great time getting to know the guys and encourage new people to get involved for next year," Hanlon said.

The Timer's and Yell Leaders were recognized for their efforts at the men's swimming banquet held at the Royal Fork Buffet on March 14 by receiving either a letter or a certificate of participation.

This year's letter winners included seniors Cathy Claycomb, Tammy Grover, Amy Hanlon, Katy Harris, Angela Neve, and Jennie Ruby; juniors Andrea Kueck and Carrie Stackhouse; sophomores Lyssa Dusenberry and Kasey Grimaldi; and freshman Danae Kinzel.

"Their support is really appreciated and they are a real encouragement while we are swimming," junior Alex Albright said.



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Timer's Club and Yell Leaders, front row — Kasey Grimaldi, Alicia Hymel, Lyssa Dusenberry; second row—Amber Duff, Katy Harris, Angela Neve; third row — Tammy Glover, Courtney Coll, Monica Losee, Amy Hanlon, Carrie Stackhouse; back row—Holly Mayer, Jennie Ruby, Andrea Kueck. Not Pictured—Cathy Claycomb, Danae Kinzel, Amy Wagner.

Clowning around – Seniors Mike Kelly, Billy Howe and Chad Murray take a break from writing their stories to have some fun with the computers.

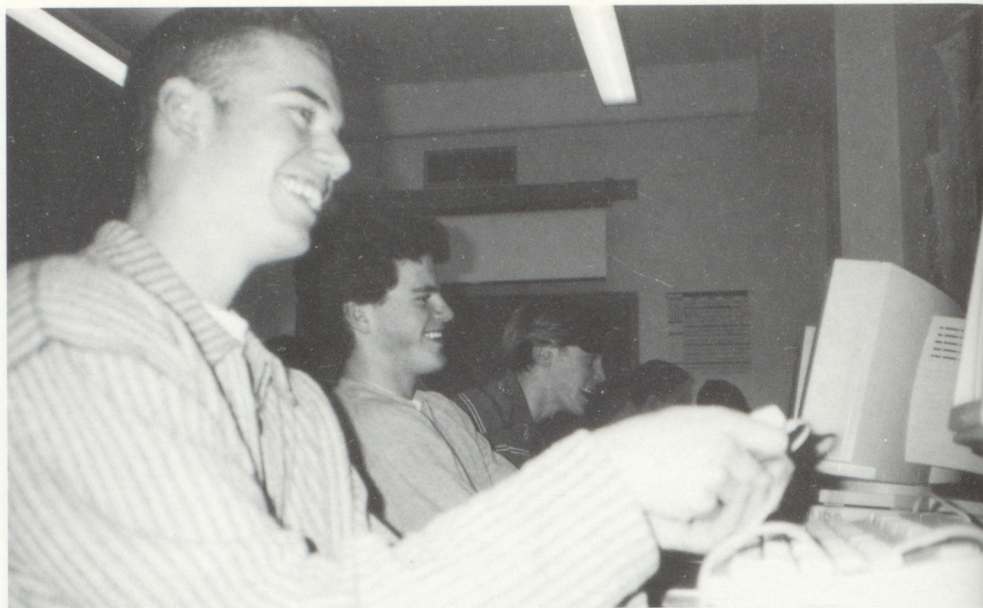


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Making Headlines

This year, the newspaper class faced the same obstacles as the rest of the journalism department: reduced staff size.

Co-editor-in-chief, senior Katie Streeter, said, "This year we had a much smaller staff, so everybody had to do more work. The staff is hard-working and dedicated, and our layout has improved greatly over the year. I think the appearance of this year's paper is a lot more professional-looking than was last year's paper."

The Top Ten lists by seniors Chad Murray and Billy Howe were back again this year, adding the element of humor to each issue.

Other interesting topics covered included smoking, marijuana, and alcohol use. These



photo by Brad Steffen

stories proved to be the favorites among the student body as well as the *Challenger* staff.

Unlike previous years, the *Challenger* staff members said that obtaining information for stories didn't seem to be a problem. Murray said, "I didn't have difficulty getting information for anything, because I do stories such as Top 10, restaurants, movies and CD reviews, and Opinions."

Co-editor-in-chief junior Steve Whitney said, "It was a very productive year, and it was beneficial for those of us who worked to make the paper what it was. It is just like most other activities at Hoover."

Finding mistakes –

Newspaper advisor

Laura Ahrendt works

on editing the final

draft of an edition of

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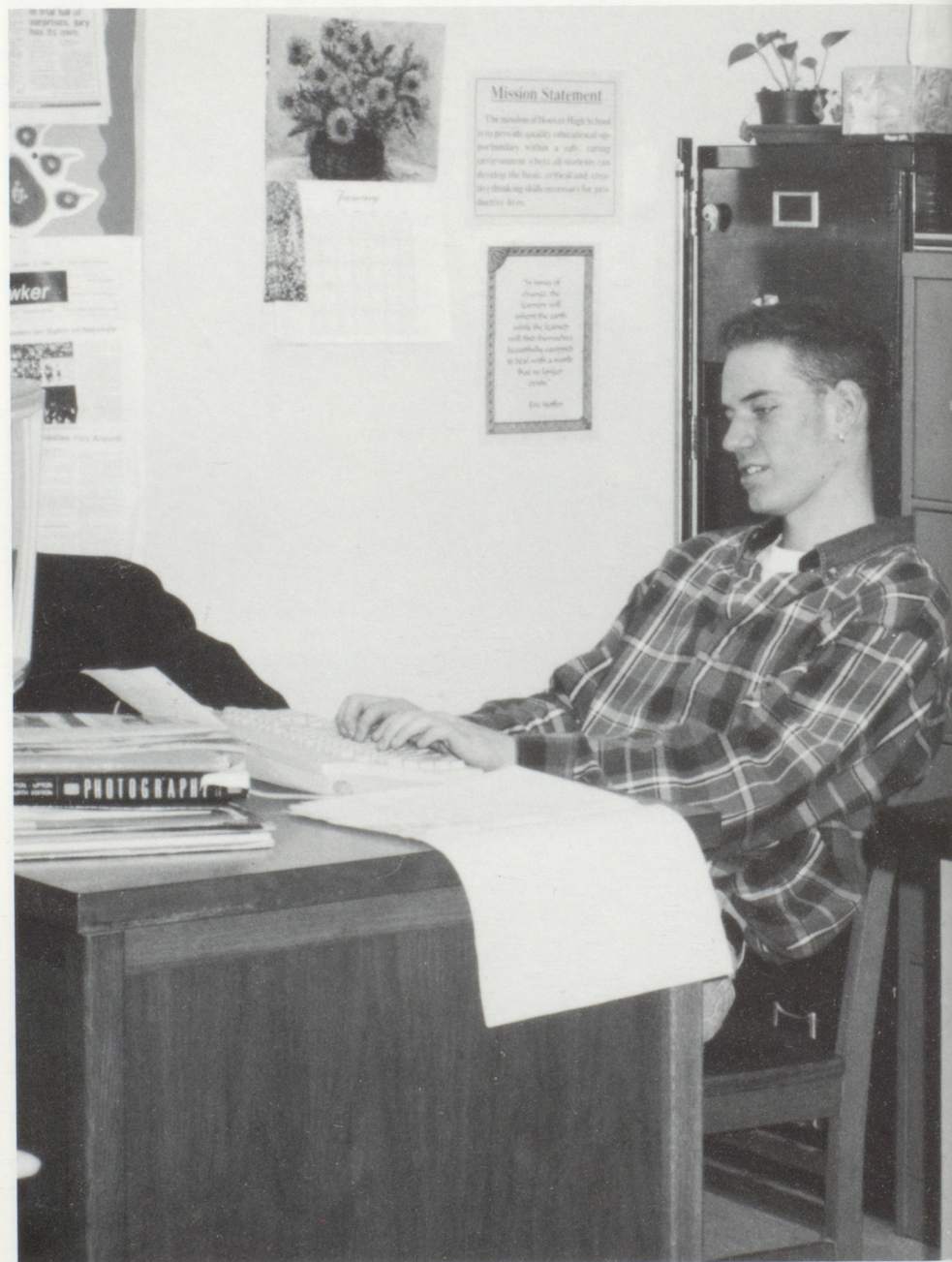


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Newspaper staff. front row – Kathi Buckley, Steve Whitney, Katie Streeter, Loren Porter; back row – Scott Johnson, Nikki Johnson, Chad Murray, Rob Clark. Not pictured – Josh Brott, Nicole Brown, Megan Carrico, LeeAnn Hofferber, Billy Howe, Mike Kelly, Rex Tredway, Jason VanHemert, Elisabeth Woody.

Catching up – Senior Mike Kelly works on revising a story due for publishing in the *Challenger* early in the year. Kelly worked as a staff writer for this year's newspaper.

Finishing up – Junior co-sports editor Jon Talcott finishes an assignment in yearbook. The assignment was to complete the Boys Golf page for the '95-'96 yearbook.

Making changes – Senior Angela Neve, the senior section editor for the Hoover yearbook, selects the layout for one of her pages.

Working it out – Seniors Janet Buckley and Chad Murray discuss the differences between yearbook and newspaper during yearbook class early in the year.



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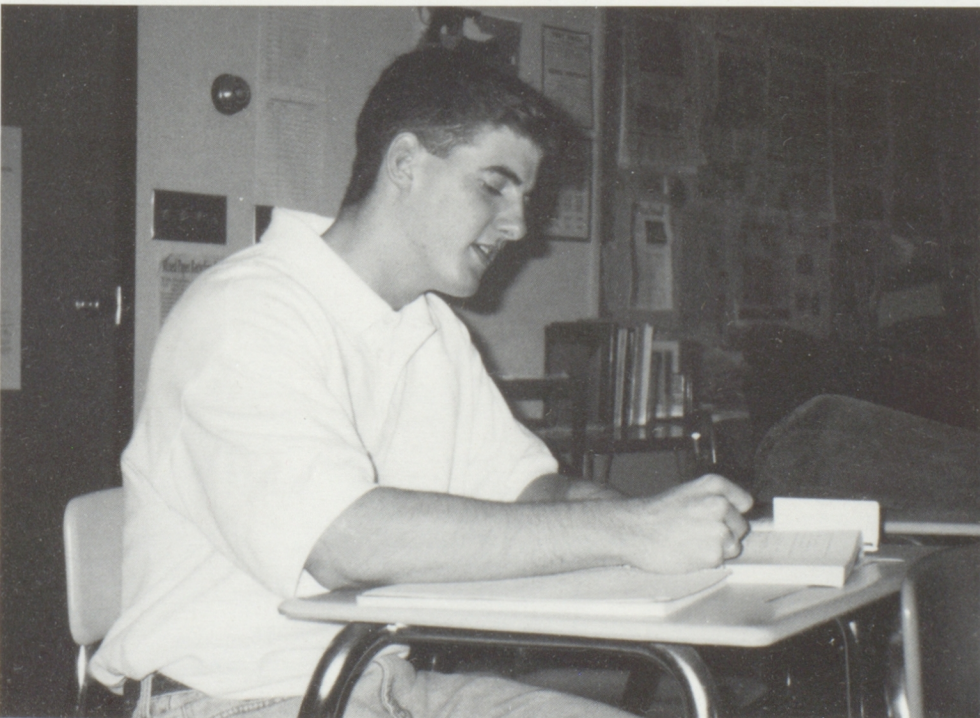


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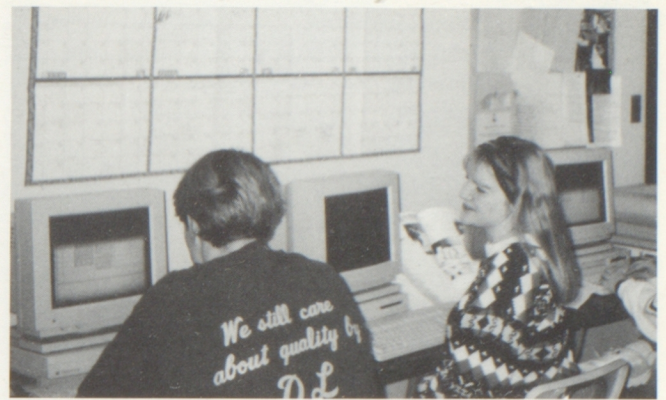


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Reviewing the Year

The Hoover Husky yearbook staff was interrupted this year by a sudden move from room 204 to rooms 208 and 206 at the semester break. Also this year, the yearbook class was split into two separate periods instead of the usual one.

Marci Simonini, senior editor-in-chief, said, "At first, it was hard to communicate between the two yearbook classes, but it got easier as the year went by."

Fundraising was important this year because of increased costs to the yearbook. Continuing a Hoover tradition, the yearbook staff sold pop, pizza, and baked goods for the fourth year. Profit was satisfactory, providing the funds necessary to develop the more expensive yearbook. The college-size book, used for the first time this year, was the reason for the price increase. Although the number of pages decreased, the dimensions of the book were increased, and many sections gained pages.

A highlight of some staff members this year was the opportunity to travel to a yearbook convention in Kansas City. Seniors Dena Shoemaker, Kari Greenlee, and Simonini were the yearbook staff members who went, along with advisor Laura Ahrendt.

Shoemaker, activities editor, said, "I will never forget the wonderful time we had in Kansas City at the yearbook convention, and all the entertaining workshops we went to."

When asked to summarize the year, Ahrendt said, "The 1995-96 yearbook class was a great group to work with. Marci did a superb job of organizing and leading as well. Together, the class worked hard to produce a great book."



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Yearbook staff, front row – Jon Talcott, Jake Smith, Jessica Harding, Nga Lam, Kari Greenlee, Dave Peterson, Angela Neve; back row – Amy Lee, Brad Steffen, Dena Shoemaker, Janet Buckley, Nick Brockman, Jennifer LePera, Marci Simonini, Megan Pollock. Not pictured – Loan Pham, Nic Hoover, Eric Groen, Kirsten Knox.

Discussing Strategy — Seniors James Grimaldi, John Miller and Jason Van Hemert debate an upcoming topic as freshman Andrew Johnson looks on.

Hoover Debate Excels

The 1995-1996 Hoover Debate Team had one of its most successful seasons ever. Led by seniors James Grimaldi, Jason Van Hemert and John Miller, the Huskies were one of the top teams in each meet they have attended.

According to Coach Kirk Johnson, one of the most exciting events this season was the crowning of Hoover's first ever Debate State Champion, James Grimaldi. Grimaldi placed first, beating over 100 students from across the state to win the IHSSA State Championship in Ames.

There is no varsity or junior varsity; however, the Huskies normally send six people to each meet to compete against over 100 students from other schools. The group is then split up into four different rooms based on skill level and seniority.

The Debate team meets every-day seventh hour with Johnson; however, most of the preparation for meets is done on their own. Each student normally has a week and a half to research the topics.

The Huskies finished up the season strong with meets in Cherokee on March 2, and Iowa City on March 10. Grimaldi was named an alternate for the national tournament held in North Carolina and Nick Anderson and Kim Peddycoart were named Presiding Officers. In Iowa City, Miller, Van Hemert and Grimaldi were selected for the Super Congress.

Johnson summed up the season when he said, "It was a great year for the seniors and a good launching pad for the underclassmen."



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Hoover Debate Team, front row— Kim Peddycoart, Steve Whitney, Mike Amos, James Grimaldi; second row— Nick Anderson, Andrew Johnson, Adriene Blythe, Jason Van Hemert, John Miller; last row— coach Kirk Johnson.



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Talking it out

— Seniors Jason Van Hemert and John Miller practice debating for an upcoming meet.



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In Control — Senior Jason Van Hemert presides over a debate during the 1996 season.

Turn up the radio — Senior Natasha Seay broadcasts her radio show for KDOG radio.

Editing the Film — Juniors Mike Amos and Mark Stanger edit film for the video yearbook.

Capturing Video — Senior Ryan Dawson videotapes a scene for his music video.

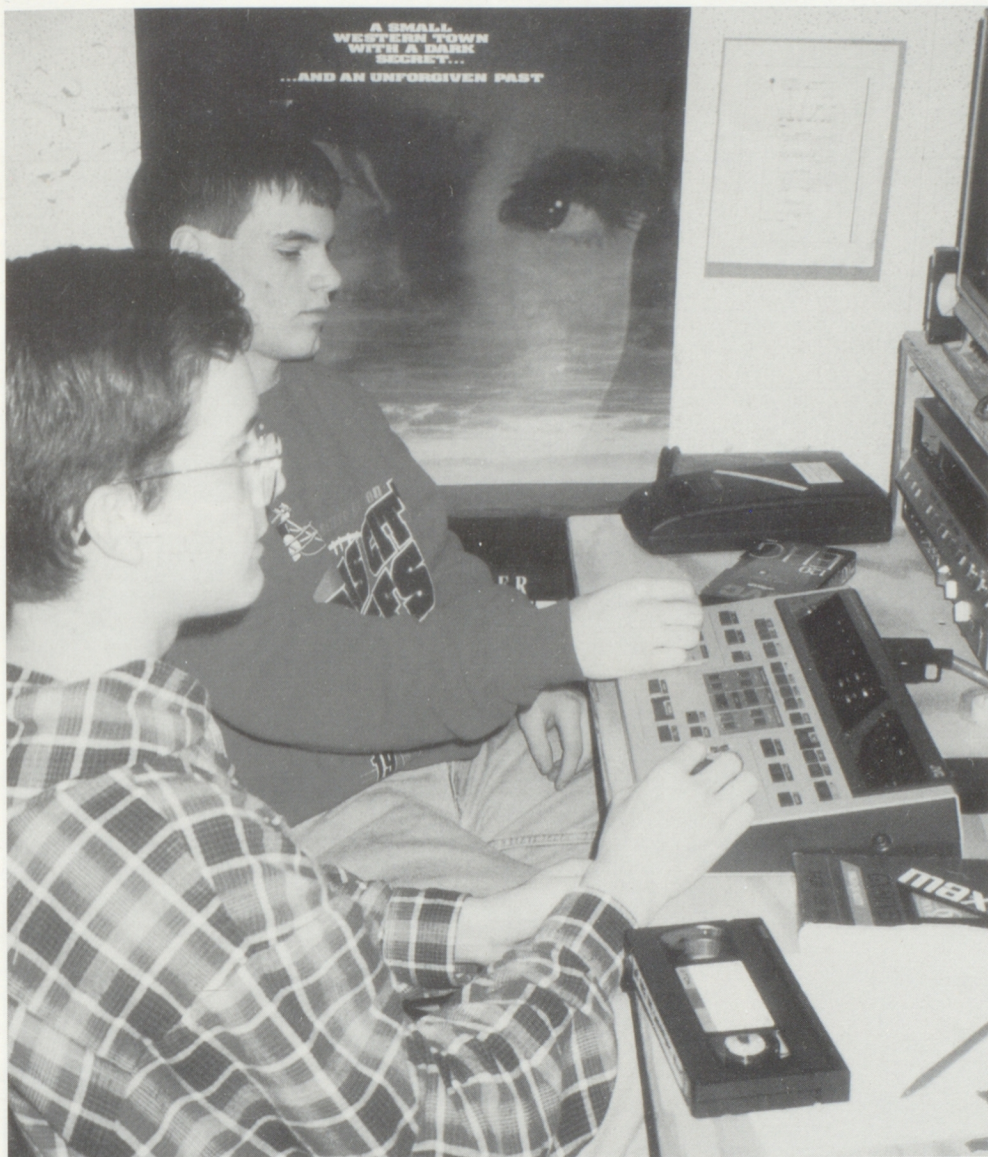


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Turn Up the Volume

"Radio/T.V. has become a class for the self-motivated; so if you have creativity, patience, and a desire to learn, Radio/T.V. is a great class," Radio/T.V. class instructor Kirk Johnson said.

"It is also a very rewarding and exciting field to be in, if you enjoy it and are good at it," he said.

This year's Radio/T.V. class had 24 students that met fourth hour with Johnson in room 66. They experienced both radio broadcasting and film production and the students received opportunities to pursue the areas they were most interested in learning more about. According to Johnson, Radio/T.V. has an open set of guidelines and class assignments; however, each semester includes five "feature" films and at least one major project. The major project for first semester was to create an opening for a television show and the major project for second semester was to create a music video.

Senior Tim Schnoor said, "It is fun to create what we think the song means and what that should look like. I have really enjoyed the creative part of Radio/T.V."

However, Johnson said he feels the most important project for Radio/T.V. was the making of the video yearbook. Throughout the year all the students gathered bulk footage of Hoover's various activities, and Johnson, along with several students, produced the video which went on sale after spring break. This year will be the tenth anniversary for the yearbook and the class goal is to sell at least 100 copies of the video.

"Last year's video yearbook sold 93 copies so a natural goal would be to top the century mark for the first time in the video's history," Johnson said.



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Radio/T.V. and Film Members, front row — Katie McGrath, Jessica Harding, Bryan Howe, Mike Amos; second row — Ryan Dawson, Nic Hoover, Ryan Johnson, Chad Murray; back row — Kirk Johnson. Not Pictured — Derrick Branch, Michael Jackson, Raul Macias, Wynetta McDonald, Jeremiah Moore, Jeff Morlan, Rachel O'Neill, David Quinones, Tim Schnoor, Natasha Seay, Poutasone Simahano, Mark Stanger, Shannek Young.

In the spotlight — Senior John Miller, sophomore Andy Rowland, and freshman Michalle Hirsch play a number for the fans at a home football game.

Marching to Victory

From contests and festivals to parades and games, the Hoover marching band performed at many different events this year.

The marching band was led by the drum majors, senior Angela Neve and sophomore Jason Danielson. Band director Pat Kearney said, "Drum major is the hardest position to obtain in band. Jason and Angela have both worked very hard and are deserving of this honor."

The band started practicing in August, then continued with practices almost every morning throughout the season. Neve said, "We had a lot of talented underclassmen. We seemed to have more of a desire to succeed...a lot of dedication and hard work."

The marching band performed at the pre-game and at halftime of every home game. They also performed at many competitions and in some parades. They received an excellent rating and finished eighth out of 15 teams at Valleyfest on Oct. 7, as well as receiving an Excellent rating at Lincoln on Oct. 14. They took honors for Best in Parade in the Beaverdale Pa-



photo by Dena Shoemaker

Keeping rhythm —

Sophomore drum major Jason Danielson directs senior Chris Sampson and junior Sarah Ellis at McGrane stadium.



photo by Jolesch

Hoover Marching Band, front row—Melissa Christ, Doug Brown(asst.), Mandi Gremmer, Sara Carlson, Andrew Fetter, Jason Danielson, Angela Neve, Spencer McGinnis, Nate Curl, Jay Rothmeyer, Woody Smith(asst.), band director Pat Kearney, Jenny Brandt; second row—Allison Musser, Jennifer Howe, Colin Melton, Carmen Hanson, Cathy Claycomb, Jennifer Throckmorton, Michelle Casper, Tricia VanZee, Kristi Larson, Jenny Fath, Kristen Langstraat, Mary Mefford, Olivia Roth, Kathy Stokes, Christine Gettys, Holly Feickert, Theresa Hedrick, Jodi Wineinger, Jenny Baumert; third row—Carrie Stackhouse, Melissa Mallette, Michalle Hirsch, Mike Murphy, Lisa Simpson, Joelle Coons, Aaron Thiese, Casey Coppi, Mikel Morris, Mike Shultz, Mark Dante, Chris Sampson, Sarah Ellis, Chad McVey, Jared Gilbert, Jamie Beard, Jennifer Ruby, Angela Sampson; back row—Erica Hanlon, Anna West, Mike Mefford, Jason Kramersmeier, Greg Danielson, Andy Hotopp, Brent Thornburg, Andy Rowland, John Miller, Jeff Hopp, Pat Fergus, Ben Talcott, Dave Juskelis, Ebonese Cason, Crystal Smith, Andrew Farley, Andrea Kueck, Kristina Selander.



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photo by Kari Greenlee

Follow the leader — Senior drum major Angela Neve directs the marching band at halftime of a Hoover football game at McGrane Stadium.

Pleasing the crowd — Flag Corps co-captain Jenny Brandt concentrates on her flag routine during a pep assembly held in the Hoover gymnasium.

Lining Up — Flag Corps members Jenny Baumert, Angela Sampson, and Jennifer Howe line up before a performance at halftime of a Hoover football game.

Good to go — Flag Corps member Erica Hanlon throws her flag into the air at a halftime performance during a home football game.



photo by Kari Greenlee



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Flags Twirls On

At each of the home football games this year, the audience was able to see the twirling flags of the eleven members of the Flag Corps.

They performed at the pregame and the halftime of every football game and at pep assemblies. The Flag season was relatively short this year, with practices beginning in August and ending in October. The Flag Corps was led by senior co-captains Melissa Christ and Jennifer Brandt and had over half the members returning from the previous year's squad.

The season started off with the Flags receiving new uniforms. They were metallic green in color, with gold accents for trim. Junior Kristina Selander said, "The uniforms were a surprise. At first I didn't like the short skirts, but once I got used to them, they weren't so bad."

The Flag Corps performed to many different songs for the pregame and for the halftime shows, including "Work Song," "I Dreamed a Dream," "Attack on Rue Plumet," "One Day More," and "Land of 1000 Dances". They also performed a routine at the Homecoming assembly on Sept. 29 to the song "Hands Up".

Junior Andrea Kueck said, "I think we did a good job this year considering we had an inexperienced Flag Corps. The returning Flags and captains showed good leadership and teamwork. Flags was fun this year, and I'm glad we were able to try a lot of new things."

Selander summed up the season by saying, "The chemistry was unbelievable this year. With so many new performers, I'm surprised how well everyone got along. Overall, it's been a great experience."



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Standing alert — Senior Flag Corps members Jennifer Ruby and Anna West prepare for a pep assembly performance while the student body looks on.

Getting it right—The concert band warms up before their performance at St. Thomas.

The Band Plays On

Concert band worked very hard to look and sound the best they possibly could this year.

The band featured students who played a wide range of instruments, such as percussion, brass, and woodwinds.

The band consisted of 60 students in grades 9 through 12, who practiced five days a week during first period. Under the direction of Patrick Kearney, the band participated in several concerts throughout the year, ranging from marches to very contemporary music and old fashion band standards. The concerts were held on Dec. 18, Feb. 27, and May 18 at Hoover. They also gave a concert at Adventureland on April 28. The State Contest for Concert Band took place in May at Hoover.

Junior Jamie Beard said, "The concert band has really improved this year mainly because of our director Mr.

Kearney. He has made us work very hard and it has made us more mature. Hopefully we can reward him with our hard work by getting a "T" rating at State Contest in May."

Sophomore Nate Curl said, "The percussion section has gotten better throughout this year and I have seen techniques and skills improving among all of the percussionists."

Sophomore Jason Danielson said, "Mr. Kearney has done a great job choosing a diverse and challenging literature."

When asked to comment on the band, Kearney said "This year's concert band has been one of the most balanced, well playing groups I've worked with."

Concert Band members,

front row—Mandi Gremmer, Brent Thornburg, Jodi Wineinger, Lisa Simpson, Elizabeth Dusenburg, Angela Sampson, Olivia Roth, Michelle Hirsch, Angela Neve, Mark Dante, Ben Talcott, Mike Schultz; second row—Holly Feickert, Carmen Hanson, Tricia Van Zee, Talia Burnett, Jenny Faith, Kristi Larson, Michelle Kasper, Mary Mefferd, Jennifer Brandt, Aaron Thiese, Jason Kramersmeir, Mikel Morris, Theresa Hedrick, Christine Gettys, Jenny Throckmorton; third row—Jason Danielson, Jamie Beard, Kristin Langstraat, Andrea Kueck, Maren Braaksma, Cathy Stokes, Cathy Claycomb, Eboniece Cason, Andrew Farley, Mike Mefferd, Chad McVey, Casey Coppi, Andy Rowland, Andy Hotopp, Sara Carlsen, Andy Fetter, Jay Rothmeyer, Nate Curl, Pat Fergus, Jared Gilbert, Greg Danielson, John Miller, Dave Juskelis, Jeff Hopp. Not pictured—Joelle Coons, Spencer McGinnis, Mike Murphy, Jennifer Ruby, Sarah Nevins.



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Playing with pep—

Senior Jared Gilbert,

sophomore Andrew

Farley, and senior Pat

Fergus play the saxo-

phones at the Home-

coming assembly on

Sept. 29.



photo by Andrea Kueck



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Right on tune—Senior Aaron Thiese plays the French horn in a concert band performance in the Hoover auditorium.

All smiles—Seniors Cathy Claycomb and Angela Neve keep on smiling through all their hard work to make it to State.

Morning practices— Sophomore Mikel Morris follows along with the music as sophomore Mike Schultz and junior Jeff Hopp play their parts.

Concentrating hard— Junior Jamie Beard plays his solo piece at a jazz band competition as the others listen intently for their cue.



photo by LeeAnn Hofferber



photo by Julie Neve



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Hitting the Right Notes

The year proved to be a profitable and memorable one for the Jazz Band. Through many accomplishments and because of many goals being met, the Jazz Band exceeded all expectations.

There are two sections of Jazz Band. Each one achieved many accomplishments throughout the year. Jazz Band I placed first and third in the Oldin Festival. Jazz Band II placed second in the same festival. Placing third in the Districts competition, the Jazz Band qualified for the State championships in April.

Band director Patrick Kearney said, "That's the highest finishing here at Hoover in five years."

Jazz Band I also went to the South West Community College Jazz Festival on Feb. 17. At that competition they received an overall outstanding rating.

"Students Jamie Beard, Jason Danielson, Angela Neve, and Mike Shultz were recognized as outstanding soloists of the festival. Cathy Claycomb and Angela were named to the All-State Band, which is the highest honor!", said Kearney.

Kearney also said that the determination and dedication everyone showed "always reminds me of how hard we work for everything. Everyone gives their all."

Summing up the year, sophomore Mikel Morris said, "Everyone has a lot of good talent. We are all pretty good friends, so we have good chemistry together. We have accomplished a lot this year and we're going to try to take it all the way next year!"

"We did really well this year. We made it all the way to the championships. We are all excited for what's to come," said junior Theresa Hedrick.



photo by Jennifer LePera

Dynamic Duo—Seniors Cathy Claycomb and Angela Neve play their best at the competition as the rest of the jazz band accompanies them.

Mr. Conrad's Opus— The orchestra practices their instruments in instructor David Conrad's class.

Music to the Ears

A number of activities and performances kept orchestra on a busy, demanding schedule throughout the year.

There were ten students who were members of orchestra. Conductor David Conrad said, "We had one senior, but there were a lot of young students."

Orchestra had the opportunity to put on an All-City concert which involved all of the high schools. They performed at various middle schools in the Des Moines area such as Goodrell, Callanan, and Harding. Orchestra also played at the CIML Festival at Fort Dodge in early spring under the supervision of Iowa State University's conductor Kirk Smith.

Orchestra also performed some symphonic numbers with the concert band at the Winter Concert.

The members also went to Florida over Spring Break along with orchestra groups from other Des Moines high schools.

They performed at the Magic Kingdom and MGM Studios.

Conrad said Magic Kingdom told

them it was one of the best performances ever held there.

Also in the spring, senior Anna West and freshman Laura Clark played in the solo ensemble contest, a state-wide contest held at Callanan for area schools.

Conrad said, "This group in itself was a pretty nice one to work with. Everyone actually enjoyed coming to class. Lots of them were back and we're just a growing program."



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Reading her

notes— Freshman

Danae Kinzel

glances at her music

sheet as she slides the

bow across the

strings of her cello.



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Practice makes perfect— Eighth-grader Jerry Buckley plays his violin in 7th period orchestra class.



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Fierce concentration— Junior Alicia Smock pays close attention to her hands as she plucks the strings on the harp.

All-star cast— Seniors Cathy Claycomb, Cassie Murphy, Jolyon Thomas, Katy Tyrell, Angela Neve, Aaron Thiese, and Rich Nagel pause to capture the moment at the All-State Music Festival on Nov. 17.

Dynamic Duo – All-Staters seniors Angela Neve and Cathy Claycomb play a duet at the Student of All Seasons assembly in February.

The broad picture– Members of the All-State band sit with their instruments and await instructions at the All-State Festival on Nov. 17.



photo by LeeAnn Hofferber



photo by Linda Vanderpool

Hitting the Right Notes

The 49th Annual All-State Music Festival was held at the Hilton Coliseum in Ames on Nov. 17, 1995.

The festival consisted of nearly 600 choir voices and approximately a 277 member band. The selected students represented more than 200 schools in the state of Iowa. The event was broadcasted on Iowa Public Television on Nov. 23.

Seven seniors represented Hoover at the festival including two band members and five choir members. Cathy Claycomb on clarinet and Angela Neve on flute joined the large band. Soprano Cassie Murphy, alto Katy Tyrell, tenor Aaron Thiese and basses Jolyon Thomas and Rich Nagel sang with the large choir.

Senior Cassie Murphy said, "We've all been singing together since freshman year and this has been our goal for four years."

This was Claycomb's and Tyrell's second year to be selected for All-State.

Band Director Pat Kearney said that it was a thrill to have such fine students represent Hoover in such a fine, prestigious event.

Director Linda Vanderpool said, "The All-State Festival is always a wonderful festival and it's great that Hoover had five students selected from choir."



photo by Linda Vanderpool



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Smiling performances– Seniors Cathy Claycomb and Angela Neve show their All-State enthusiasm.

Preparing to sing—The members of Prep Choir listen to vocal music director Linda Vanderpool's instructions on March 22.

Singing to Success

According to director Linda Vanderpool, the Hoover Prep Choir "has come a long way from where they started. The Prep Choir is a relatively small group this year, but they are all good singers," said Vanderpool.

Prep Choir is a preliminary choir designed to prepare students for their involvement in future choir groups. Most of the students entering the program have little or no previous choir experience, but by the end of the school year they have developed into experienced vocalists.

Vanderpool said that one objective of the Prep Choir is to help the members gain more experience performing before public audiences. The choir participated in several concerts that were beneficial in gaining this experience.

The choir's first big performance was at the Fall Concert

which was held on Oct. 24 in the Hoover Auditorium. Then on Dec. 18 the Prep Choir performed for the crowd at Herbie's Hideaway for the Carols and Cappuccino concert, which was held in the vocal music room. The choir also sang at the Masterworks Concert on Feb. 27 and the Awards Concert on May 14. Both concerts took place at Hoover.

Freshman Ben Talcott said, "The Masterworks Concert was one of our best performances. Many people showed up, and we had fun doing the program." Talcott also said that "It's a great feeling when people come to the concerts that we have spent so much time preparing for."

Practice makes

perfect—Freshman

Eric Sharp reserves

time for individual

practice on April 12.

Sharp is accompanied

by junior Megan Pol-

lack.



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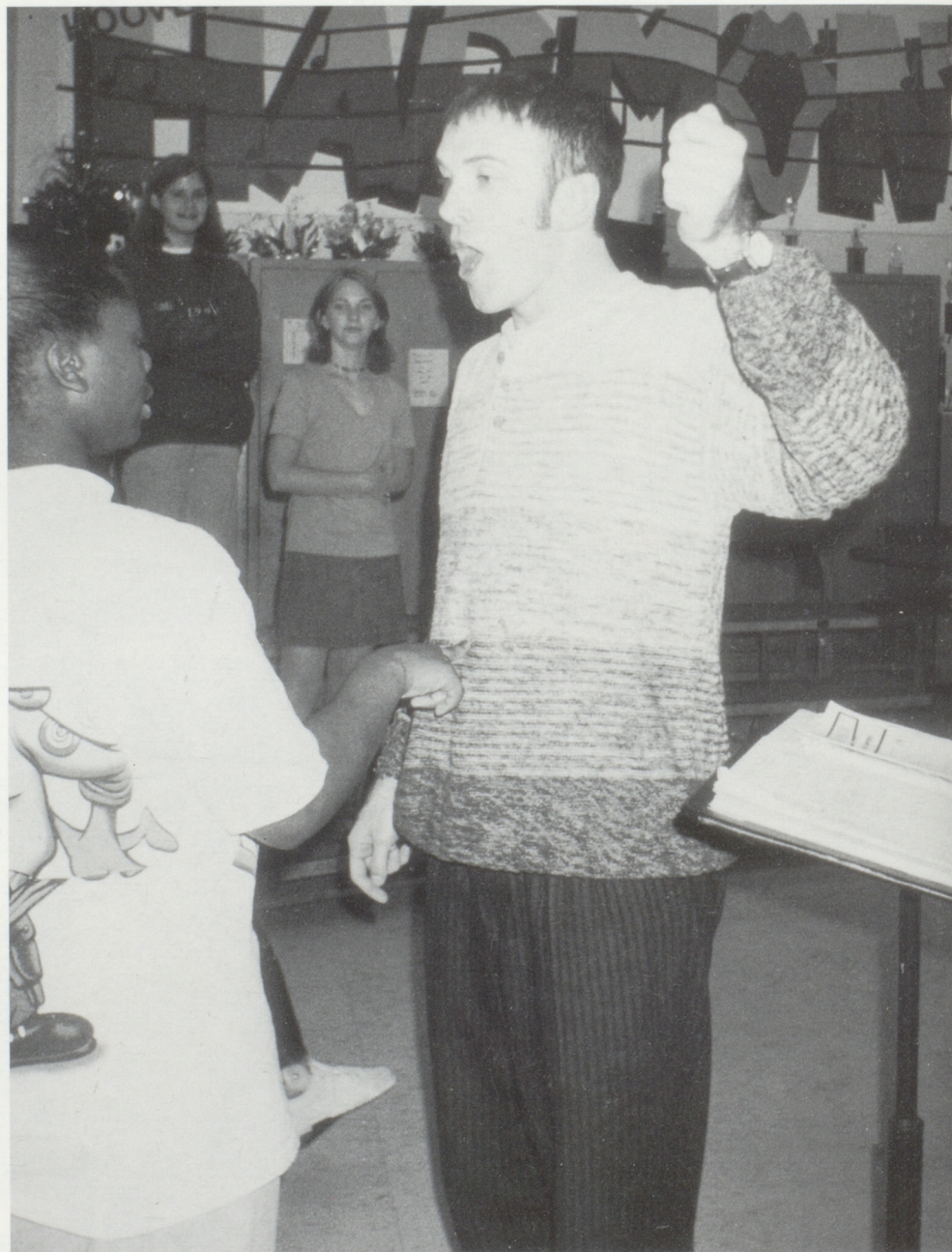


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Hoover Prep Choir, front row--Nicole Davis, Shaya Graves, Eric Sharp, Teondra Gilkey, Jennifer Foote, Jessica Lovejoy, Liz Bierma; second row--Olga Ilinskaya, Veronica Martinez, Ben Talcott, Brent Thornburg, Holly Moeller, Sommer Stokka, Katie Musser; back row--Nancy Jones, Natalie Smith, Lisa Rinehart, Jennifer Reed.

From the diaphragm—Vocal music instructor Chrad Younkin demonstrates proper breathing to the prep choir class, with the help of freshman Shaya Graves.

Tone quality—Concert Choir members rehearse for their upcoming performance in Chicago. The choir took a trip to Chicago during April 27-29.

Keeping in tune – The alto section concentrates on staying in tune with one another during class on April 2.

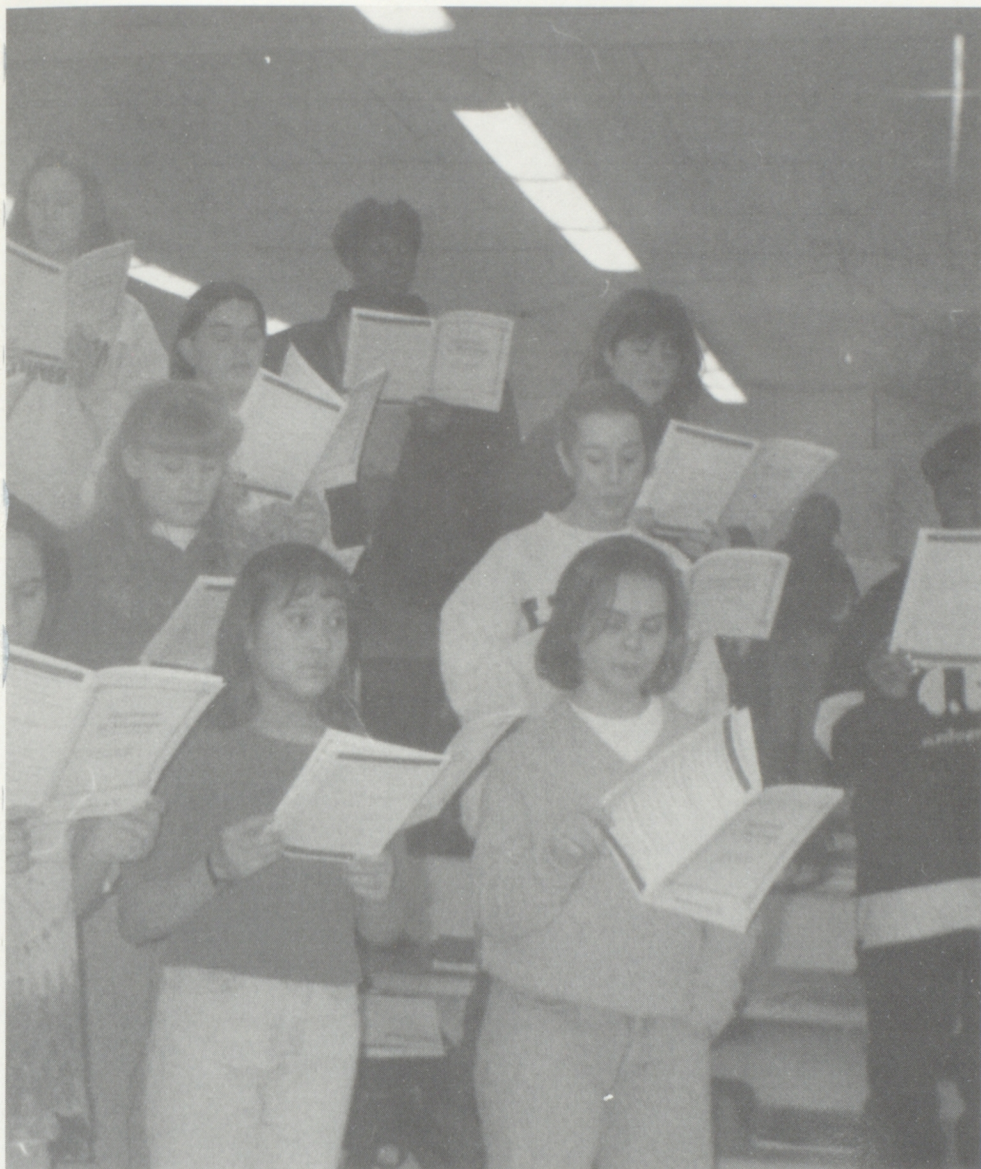


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Striving for perfection – The members of the soprano section of concert choir practice their piece in the vocal music room on April 16.



photo by Janet Buckley

Hitting the High Note

The year proved to be a very busy and productive year for the 58 members of Hoover's Concert Choir. Everyday during second period the group met to rehearse for their many public performances.

These performances included the CIML Festival on Nov. 2 where seven Des Moines area schools gathered as a mass choir to sing five selected songs. Senior Amy Stolki said, "Hoover was one of the best schools there. I know Ms. Vanderpool received several compliments on our behalf." The choir had several performances throughout the year. On Feb. 27, at the Masterworks Concert, the choir presented John Rutter's "Gloria;" they were accompanied by the Drake brass ensemble.

One of the year's highlights for the group was the Chicago tour on April 26-28. The choir traveled to Chicago for the Heritage Festival, an all-day competition that involved many high school choirs from the area.

Then on May 3, the choir performed at the State Large Group Contest at Hoover. Senior Willy Thompson said, "The Large Group Contest gives us a chance to prove how hard we've worked all year."

Director Linda Vanderpool said, "My expectations of the choir this year included high levels of achievement and focus on quality music making. This group is the best one in years!"

"Our biggest accomplishment this year was performing well at all of our concerts, and having fun at the same time," Thompson said.



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Hoover Concert Choir, front row--Nicole Brown, My Le, Angela Neve, Damion Erwin, Angela Steward, Katy Tyrell, Theresa Hedrick, Abbey Williams, Kristin Johnson, Tiffany Camus, Tim Rech, Krissy Sena, Shayla Haynes; second row--Amy Stolki, Kylie Proctor, Elizabeth Raygoza, Melissa Christie, Ann Marie Hansen, Tiffany Brown, Alicia Hymel, Levi Robinson, Nick Lloyd, Toni Priestler, Laval Daniels, Lakeasha Whiteside, Jenny Throckmorton; third row--Kim Clark, Melissa Priest, Michele Bockert, Colleen Bergman, Willy Thompson, Rich Nagel, Mike Schulz, Aaron Thiese, Galina Ilitsky, Jessica Harris, Sarah Stanley, April Burkard, Amanda Griffith, Sarah Wilson; back row--Kendra Brown, Amy Kneller, Tara Taylor, Amy Petersen, Eurock Harris, Phillip Snyder, Jolyon Thomas, Nick Brockman, Tuffy Jackson, Clifford Hobbs, Wendy Wilson, Cassie Murphy, Megan Mogensen, Cissy Kemp, Brisa Cepeda; not pictured--Sarah Nevins, Jennie Ruby

On a lighter note – Harmony choir members warm up before All-State auditions at a church in Indiana.



photo by Linda Vanderpool



photo by LeeAnn Hofferber



photo by Mullica

Hoover Harmony, front row– My Le, Tim Rech, Katy Tyrrell, Tiffany Camus, Theresa Hedrick; second row– Aaron Theise, Mike Schultz, Richard Nagel, Amanda Griffith; back row– Nick Brockman, Megan Mogensen, Cassie Murphy, Jolyon Thomas, William Thompson, Angela Neve.

“Kiss Him Goodbye” – Juniors Tiffany Camus, and Tim Rech, and senior Cassie Murphy sing at the Homecoming Assembly on Sept. 29.

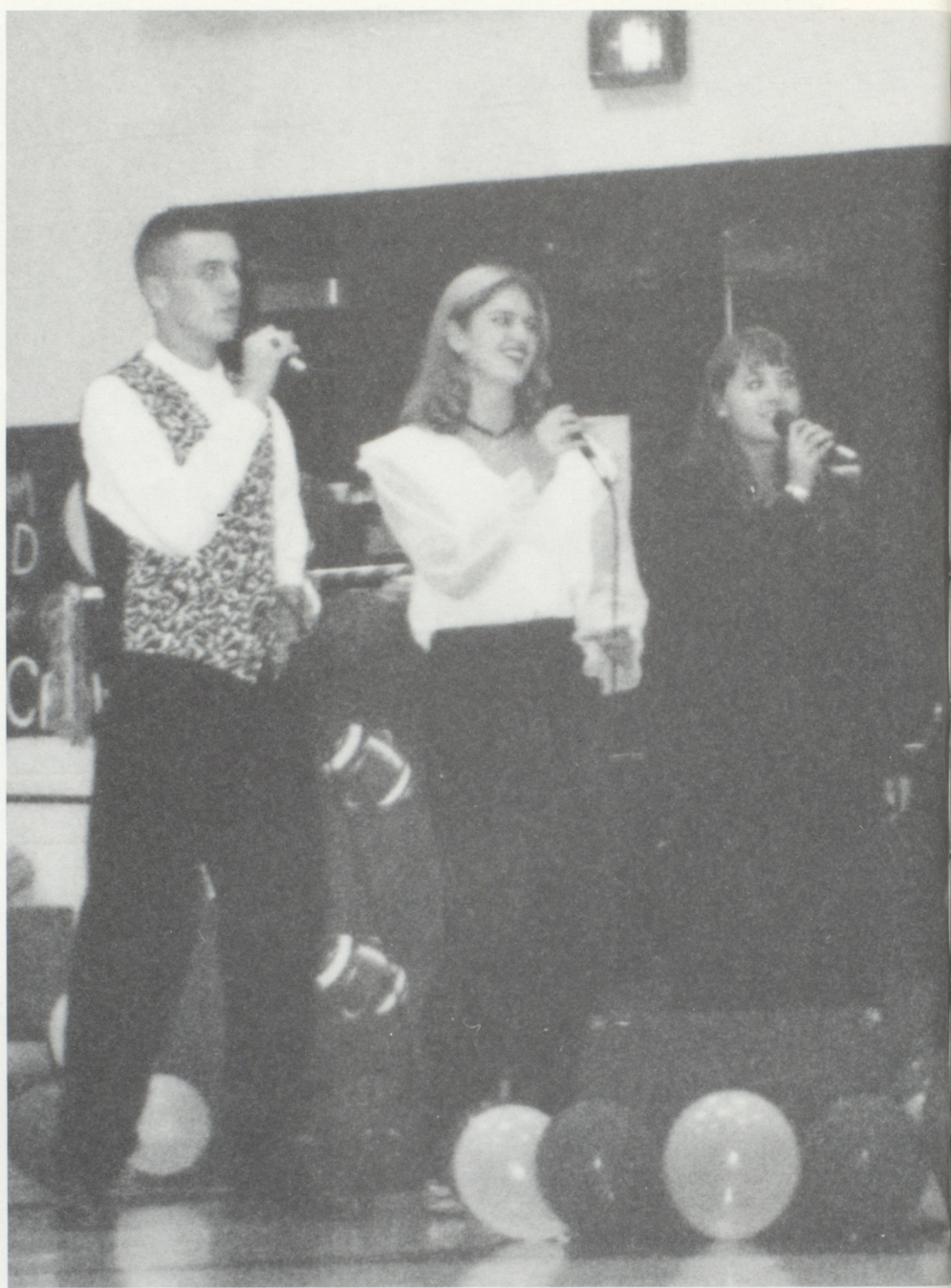


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Sweet Harmony – Seniors Nick Brockman, Cassie Murphy, Angela Neve, Aaron Thiese, and Jolyon Thomas sing a tune during Spirit Week.

Harmony Honored

Hoover's jazz choir, which is directed by Linda Vanderpool, had a very active year. The choir participated in several concerts and events. They also took home many awards for their efforts this year, including five of the choir members receiving the opportunity to participate in the All-State Festival at Hilton Collesium in Ames on November 16-18. These five students were seniors, Rich Nagel, Katy Tyrell, Jolyon Thomas, Aaron Thiese, and Cassie Murphy.

Thomas said of the experience, "It was an amazing feeling, being a part of all that music. It was really overwhelming. Between this and the progress on my bands' CD, I'm on cloud nine."

One major concert the group participated in was the Hoover Jazz Festival, which was on held March 1 and 2. The Hoover Jazz Festival featured Voice Trek, one of the top vocal groups in the United States.

Senior Nick Brockman said, "It was cool having all those schools at Hoover for a change. It seems that we always have to travel to the other schools. Voice Trek was great too, really jazzy."

Thiese said, "The group did a lot of different things this year." The Harmony singers performed for famous opera singer, Simon Estes at the Civic Center in early spring, the group also participated in the first annual Vocal Festival on Nov. 10, and at Big Band Night in April.

Hoover Harmony accompanied the concert choir on their trip to Chicago for the Heritage Festival on April 26-28 where they won a gold trophy for their performance. Nagel said he had a lot of fun on that particular trip. "I breakdanced on a cardboard box for tips. I made twelve bucks in about an hour and a half."

In addition to their many formal concerts, Hoover Harmony also sang at many assemblies throughout the year and a few of the members also sang the "National Anthem" at several home varsity basketball games. Harmony also helped out with the Homecoming Spirit Week activities by helping judge a lip-sync contest held during first and second lunch on Thurs. Sept. 28.

Thiese said of the choir, "We seemed to 'gel' more this year than in years past."

Senior Angela Neve added, "We are a really diverse group of people, we really came together in the end. We worked hard and are proud of what we have accomplished."



photo by Brad Steffen

Perfect pitch –

Seniors Rich Nagel, Cassie Murphy, Katy Tyrell, Angela Neve, Aaron Thiese, and Willy Thompson perform at Senior Awards night on May 20.



photo by Kari Greenlee



photo by Angela Neve

In sync – Harmony singers participate in the lip-sync contest on September 28 during Homecoming Spirit Week.

Patiently waiting – The members of Hoover Harmony wait for their turn to perform at the All-State Festival on Nov. 17.

Paging Dr. Smith—Senior Jake Smith extracts hidden treasures from the stomach of senior Phil Finn during the Oct. 27 performance. Assisting him are senior Lela Braden and junior Sara Tippins.

Comedy Gets Caffeinated

Commedia IX, titled "Amish TV or Media Cuppa: Hyper Expressos of a Caffeinated Society," ventured outside the boundaries of the Hoover auditorium this year.

The show was performed Oct. 26, 27, 28, and 31. On Oct. 27 the Commedia players performed in the vocal music room to kick off the new Hoover coffee house, Herbie's Hideaway, where the audience members were served cookies and cappuccino. Following the coffee house theme, the Commedia troop was invited to perform for a packed house at Java Joe's as a part of literary night on Oct. 31. Director Denis Hildreth said,

"The coffee house was started because there are many kinds of performances that are not appropriate for the auditorium. The coffee house is smaller and more intimate, a perfect setting for a performance such as Commedia."

Commedia consists of a series of original skits written by the performers, and unlike other drama productions, the entire show was built from bottom up.

This year the skits did not revolve around a particular theme, rather, the cast worked on the development of characters and character comedy. "I played as many different characters as there are marshmallows in Lucky Charms," said junior and Commedia participant Steve Whitney.

With unique and zany humor, Commedia IX proved to be unforgettable for cast and audience members alike.



photo by Janet Buckley

Channel Surfing—Senior Phil Finn acts uninterested as senior Natasha Seay tries to explain to senior Willy Thompson that there is no tooth fairy at the Oct. 27 performance of Commedia.



photo by Janet Buckley

Commedia cast members, front row — Rich Nagel, Ann Marie Hansen, Natasha Seay, Beth Soike, Lela Braden, Sara Tippins, Ryan Baldwin, and Phil Finn; second row-- Willy Thompson, Ryan Dow, Jake Smith, Peter Bognanni, and Nate Curl. Not Pictured- Emily Boatwright, Emily Audlehelm, Steve Whitney, and Jason Tidwell.



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Queen of the Jungle—Sophomore AnnMarie Hansen plays "Natalie" at the Oct. 27 performance of Commedia in the Hoover Auditorium.

What would possess you? — Seniors Jake Smith, Skott Lorenzen, junior Cody Peer, and sophomore Ryan Baldwin wonder what would possess senior Lela Braden to wear clasy clothes at the May 9 performance of Improv Fest.

The outlook...not so good – Sophomores AnnMarie Hansen and Alissa Knoel try to convince junior Ryan Dow that he is dying at the performance on May 9.

Girls, Girls, Girls, – Junior Alex Albright dreams about the day when he will get up the nerve to ask a girl on a date at the May 9 performance of Improv Fest.

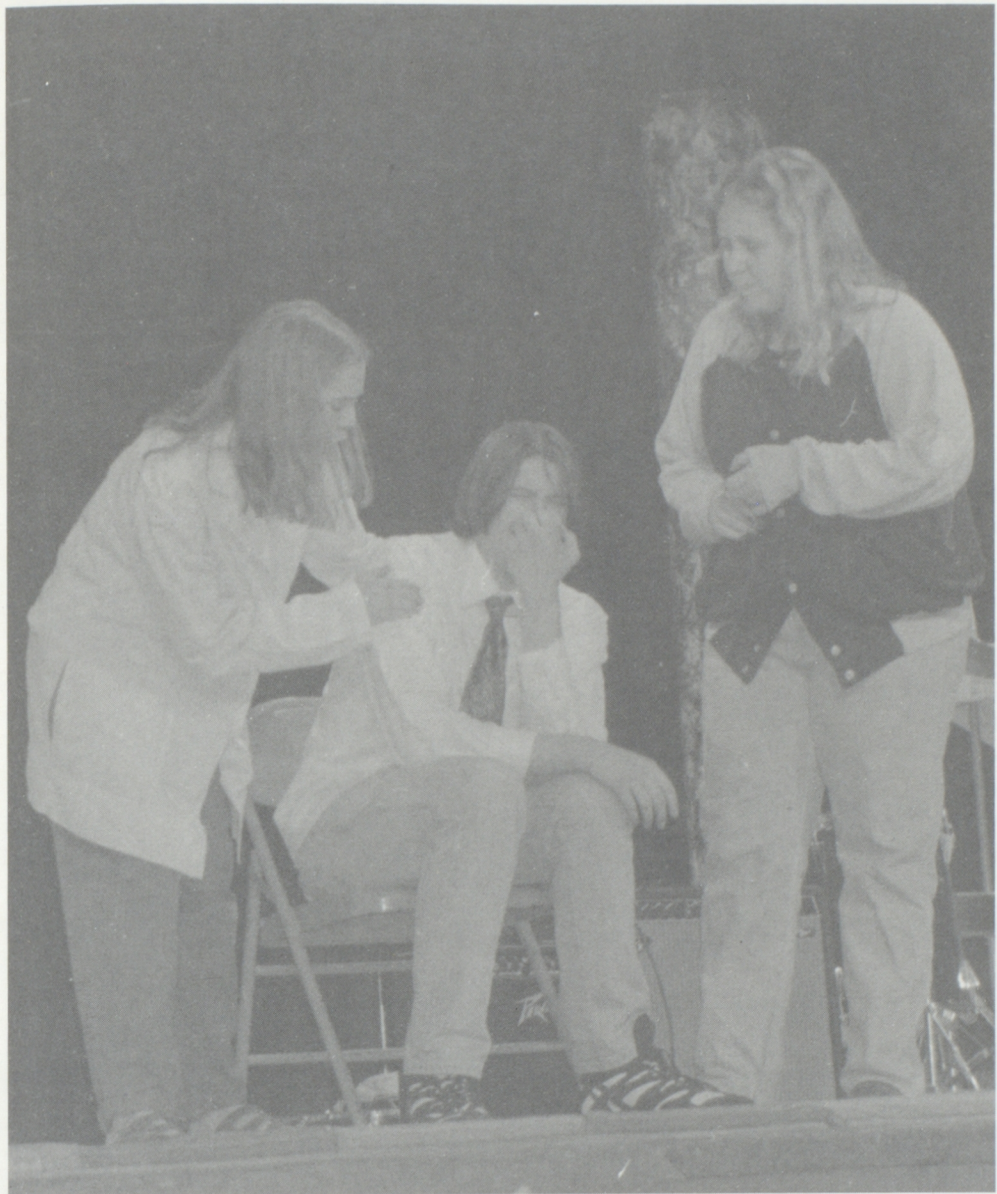


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Cast Does It Impromptu

The third annual Improv Fest was performed May 9 and 10 in the Hoover auditorium. The purpose of this year's Improv Fest was to entertain and humor the audience, but it helped to raise money for the Thespians as well. Junior and Improv participant Cody Peer said, "We were pleased with the number of people who showed up. We raised a lot of money for the drama department."



photo by Kathi Buckley

The uniqueness of this year's Improv Fest was partly due to the fact that the entire show was student generated. There were three student directors who produced and also starred in

All choked up –
Junior Peter Bognanni chokes the life out of senior Willy Thompson during a skit on May 9.

this year's show. They were seniors Lela Braden, Rich Nagel, and Jake Smith.

The first half of the show was a compilation of pre-rehearsed skits, many of which were parodies of television shows such as Jeopardy, Lassie, You Can't Do That On Television, Laugh In, and others. "Although the skits at the beginning of the show were pre-written, the cast didn't feel compelled to stick to the script," said senior Improv participant Willy Thompson.

The second half of the show was the improvisational part. Cast member junior Alex Albright said, "Improv Fest was fun because you just never knew what to expect." The audience members were asked to think up situations for the performers to act out, they put their ideas on notecards and the cast members drew the cards out of a hat. They performed the situations with only 30 seconds to collaborate with fellow cast members.

"I felt the student directors showed a great deal of leadership and creativity. I was very proud of them," said drama teacher Denis Hildreth.

About the show in general, senior Billy Howe said, "It was pretty funny. The best part of the show was when Rich (Nagel) and AnnMarie (Hansen) wrestled each other."

Cleaning up in the house – Junior Ryan Dow picks up a coat left by one of the Herdman clan during rehearsal.

Making plans – Sophomore Chrissy Burner recovers with assistance from freshmen Ira Hicks and Emily Boatwright.

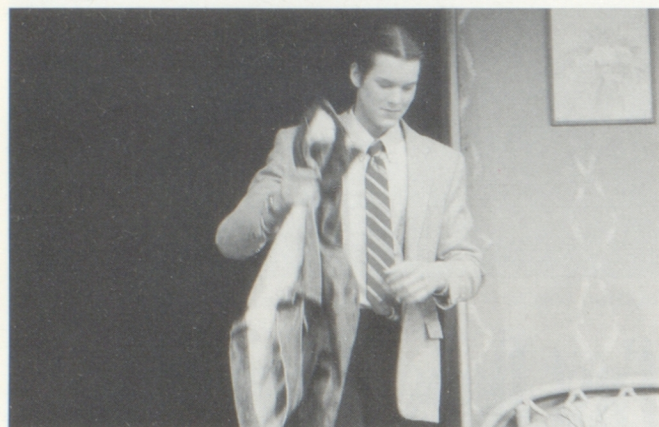


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Disguised as an angel – Freshman Emily Audlehelm prepares to bring the announcement of the little baby's birth.



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Filled with enthusiasm – Senior Lela Braden addresses the Sunday school class regarding the upcoming Christmas pageant.

Wreck the Halls

Out-of-tune singing, bathrobes and Christmas carols. What do these things remind one of? These things remind an individual of those Christmas pageants from youth filled with mishaps, similar to those found in "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

On Nov. 30-Dec. 3, the drama department presented this play by Barbara Robinson. The story begins with a ragamuffin group of outcasts who decide they want to be in the church's Christmas program. Despite resistance from many people, the kids are determined to be a part of the program, incorporating their rebellious ways into the production. In the end, both the church and the kids realize that together they have created a very meaningful service, something that none of them could have done on their own.

The cast included about 100 students, from the set crew to the walk-ons and extras. Pre-show and intermission entertainment was provided by Meredith Middle School, Hillis Elementary School, and Edmunds Fine Arts Academy.

The large cast was evidence of the popularity of this story. Senior Emily Boatwright, who played the part of the nurse, explained why she decided to try out



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Multitude of Angels

–Senior Janet Buckley, juniors Alisha Hymel and Wendy Wilson, sophomores Kourtney Horner and Amanda Bolte, and freshman Amanda Young pose as angels in the church's Christmas program.

for the play.

"I wanted to be in the play and wanted to see if it was as much fun as the other play I was in last year. It was," she said.

Junior Ryan Dow, who played Bob Bradley, explained some of the more difficult parts about being in the play. He said, "It was hard getting everything stage blocked, and figuring out stage direction for the large cast."

Junior John Audlehelm, who played Elmer Hopkins, spoke of the rewarding aspects of the play. He said, "I had a very fun part that wasn't stressful. I enjoyed playing with the children and acting like them. The crowd seemed to like my part."

Sophomore Chrissy Burner played the part of Mrs. Armstrong and talked of a funny story that happened during the production. "I remember most of all, when I was out on stage and I got poked in the eye by an orderly and it started to get watery," she said.

Overall, according to senior Jake Smith, who played Leroy Herdman, the play was a success. "I thought the play went really well. Everyone got their cues. It was a lot of fun," he said.

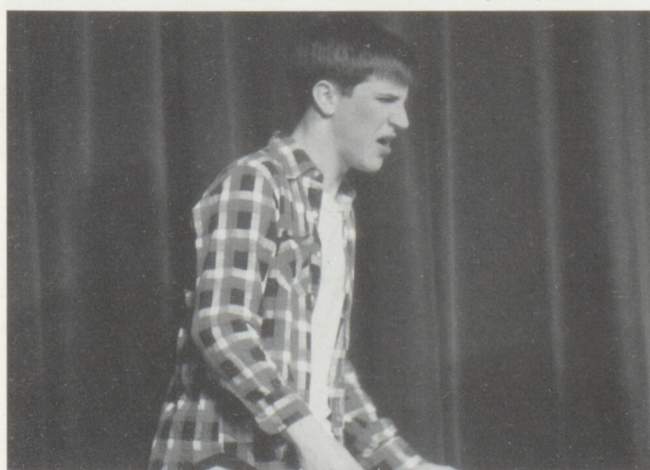


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Taking a bow – The cast of the church's Christmas program perform one last time for the curtain call.

Showing disgust – Senior Jake Smith plays the part of the rebellious ringleader of the Herdman clan.

Discussing issues — Senior Natasha Seay, junior Sara Tippins, sophomore Clifford Hobbes, and junior Kristina Boswell talk about every day things.

Play Has Psychotic Twist

For only the second time in Hoover High School's history two spring plays were performed; "The Bad Seed" was one of them.

The play was directed by drama teacher Denis Hildreth and was performed on April 11 and 13.

Centered around the theme that things are not as sweet as they look, "The Bad Seed" is a play about a little girl named Rhoda Penmark, who has an evil streak.

The part of this strangely psychotic girl was played by sophomore Beth Soike. Rhoda's mother, played by junior Kristina Boswell, tries to deny that her daughter has an ounce of evil in her. She is reluctant to make any drastic decisions while her husband, played by junior Ryan Dow, is away serving in the army. Throughout the whole play mysterious and un-



photo by Nga Lam

explainable murders crop up. People begin to suspect that Rhoda is somehow responsible. The janitor, played by senior Willy Thompson, is the only one who can see Rhoda's evil nature. He tries to convince everyone from Rhoda's grandmother, played by senior Natasha Seay, to the Penmarks' family friends.

Hildreth said, "This is a very difficult play for high school students. It presents challenges in character development for the actors and a challenge for realism in set design."

When asked how he thought the play turned out, Hildreth said, "Plays such as this, which deal with important psychological and sociological issues, are great educationally. This was well received by the audience, which is how I usually judge success!"



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Quality time together — The family, juniors Ryan Dow and Kristina Boswell, and sophomore Beth Soike, spend some time together as a family.



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The unusual suspect — The janitor, senior Willy Thompson, is the only one who sees through Rhoda's sweet little girl act.



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Grandma's little angel — Senior Natasha Seay and sophomore Beth Soike converse in the opening scene of the play "The Bad Seed".

All together now — Freshmen Eric Sharp, juniors Peter Bognanni and Alex Albright, and senior Jake Smith join the cast in the closing song of "Scapino".

Scheming away – Junior Peter Bognanni prepares to give junior Jay Brommel, who is in the bag, a beating to teach him a lesson as part of Scapino's many schemes.

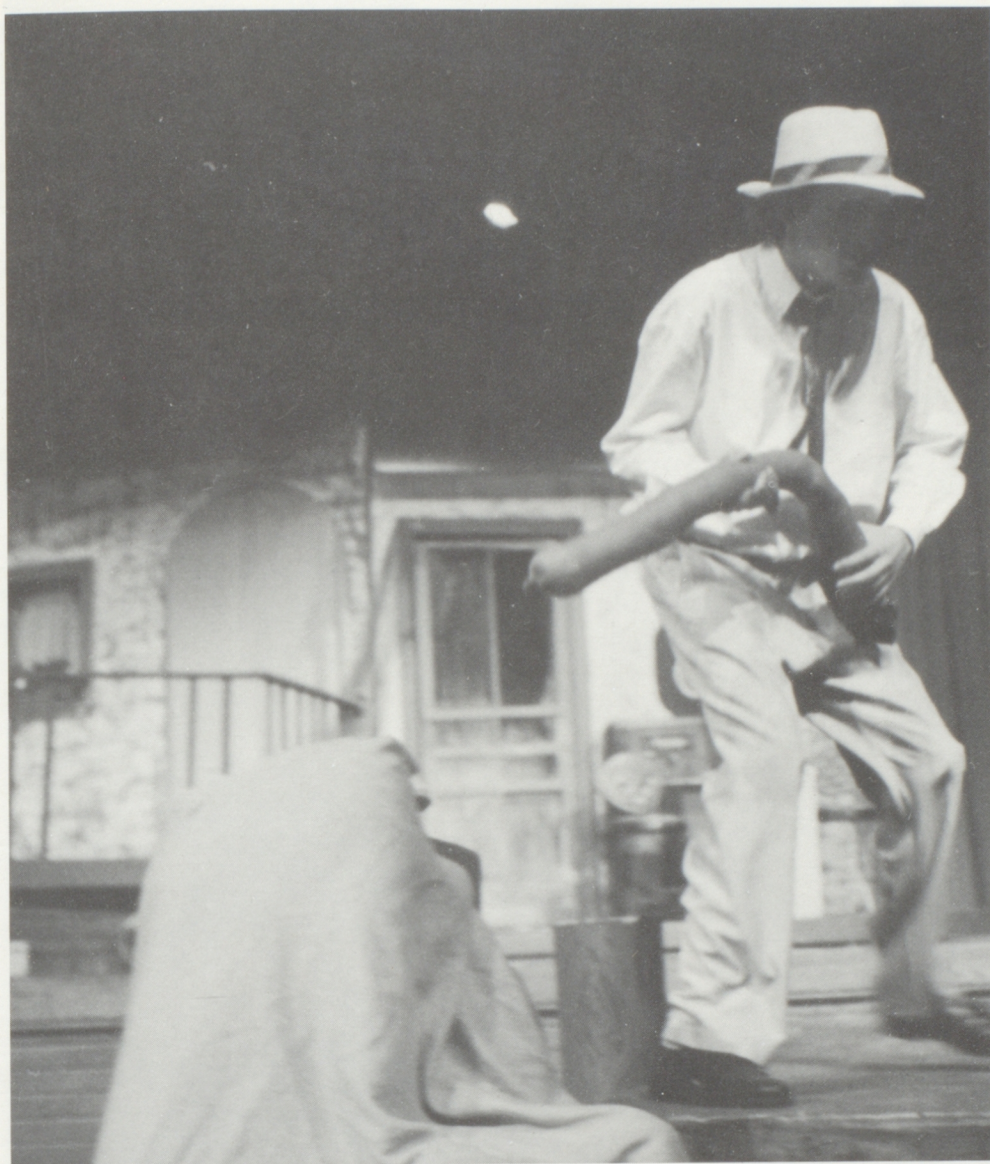


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Tidying up – Freshmen Natalie Smith and Emily Boatwright perform a scene in front of the Sicilian Cafe, part of the set of "Scapino".



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"Scapino" Has Spice

A stark contrast in the story line to "The Bad Seed", "Scapino" was the choice for the second spring play.

A satirical comedy, "Scapino" was performed on April 12 and April 14. The play was directed by Hoover drama director Kirk Johnson.

The lead character, Scapino, was played by junior Peter Bognanni. The two young men caught in the dilemma are named Ottavio and Leandro, played by senior Phil Finn and sophomore Ryan Baldwin, respectively.

The setting of the play consisted of an Italian Cafe and a realistic dock in the foreground, complete with fishnets and life preservers. Throughout the performance, a group of Italian lookalikes did minor scene changes.

The story line opens when friends Ottavio and Leandro fret over their arranged marriages. Each young man wants to marry the woman of his choice. Ottavio wants to marry Giacinta, played by sophomore Ann Marie Hansen, while Leandro loves a gypsyesque woman named Zerbinet, played by senior Lela Braden. News of Ottavio's father, Argente, played by senior Jake Smith, and Leandro's father, Geronte, played by junior Jay Brommel, have just arrived. Ottavio and Leandro have to decide whether they should defy their fathers' wishes.

To complicate matters, Scapino enters the scene. A clever wheeler and dealer whose only interest is money, he convinces Ottavio and Leandro that he has the answer to all of their problems. What follows is a plethora of crazy schemes and wild chases.

Johnson said that a unique aspect of the play was that "it broke the audience/actor barrier by having the audience join in on making sound effects."

Johnson said that "Scapino" allowed "a lot of individual growth for Hoover performers and it's good to see the audience enjoy something that we worked so hard on."



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Waiting for the cue – Freshmen Emily Boatwright and senior Phil Finn look offstage while awaiting the appearance of Scapino.

Strike a pose — Sophomores Emily Doro and Clifford Hobbs and freshman Eric Sharp display their drama acts.

Acting It Out

Drama contest is actually called speech contest and is sponsored by the Iowa High School Speech Association. Anyone interested in participating can audition at Hoover for contests in December. Drama instructors Kirk Johnson and Denis Hildreth fit everyone who auditions into one out of eight categories. These categories are group mime, solo mime, television news, ensemble acting, reader's theater, choral reading, one act play, and improvisational acting.

There was a district contest held at Hoover this year in which they performed and received a rating based on that performance. If they receive a one rating, they had the opportunity to advance to State. State contest was held in Council Bluffs this

year. The very best performers at State are then invited to go to the All-State Festival, the next step up. There, the critics

choice's for each category was named. Hoover received seven one ratings at State, three outstanding, and one invitation to the All-State festival. Senior Rich Nagel and junior Kristina Boswell advanced to All-State with their ensemble act. Medals were awarded for one ratings and trophies were given for outstanding. A banner is awarded to critic's choice.

It's a bird, it's a plane — Sophomores Natalie Smith, Emily Doro, and Clifford Hobbs daydream, while sophomore Alissa Knoell points for the sky.

Hey Jealousy—

Sophomores Natalie Smith and Clifford Hobbs act out a drama scene, while freshman Eric Sharp gets jealous and acts out his own.

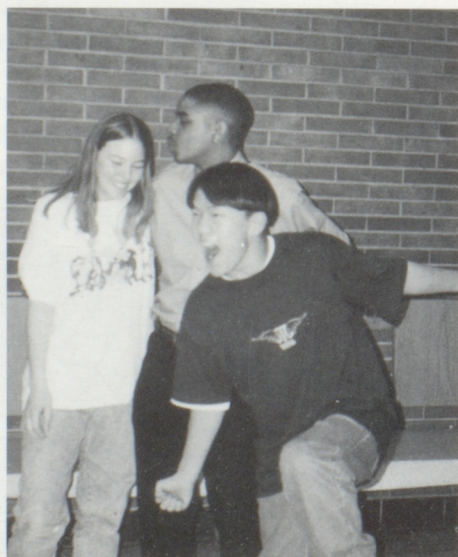


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A stellar performance — Sophomores Emily Doro and Alissa Knoell act out a scene from their own skit from large group contest.

If I had a hammer — Sophomore Robert Cinnamon demonstrates his hammering skills while using good safety precautions.

A screw loose — Freshman Jeff Hensyel concentrates on putting together the set for up coming play.

Sawing a board — Senior Kyle Baily cuts a board in half to fit the measurements of the balcony the class is putting together.



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Behind the Scenes

There is a group of students who most often go unnoticed. These students do a variety of things, which includes building the sets, running the lights and helping make the play as successful as possible. These students are part of the Play Production class.

The students read the scripts to the plays before they begin to build the sets. They are then asked to create a design model for the sets and, frequently, their models are used. For most sets, the class begins to build the sets five to six weeks before the play is shown. The students' main focus in the class is hands-on learning about various behind the scenes aspects of theatre. At the end of the class the goal for the student is to have some basic tool skills and a working knowledge of what actually goes on behind the scenes to make a show successful.

The biggest challenge that the students had this year was building the sets for the spring plays. The reason for this was because there had to be two sets built, and both required a fairly substantial thrust system in front of the stage. Both sets for "Scapino" and "The Bad Seed" had to be dismantled after each show to set up for the other show.

When speaking with Russell Vanderhoef, one of the teachers of the class, he said, "We're always encouraged when students from the play production class continue to work on tech crews for Hoover drama productions. Some even go to work in theatre tech at the college level. A few have also worked in theatres in Des Moines. At the very least, we tell students; 'You'll be able to build bricks and board bookcases after taking this class'."



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Moving the flats — Mr. Garrett, play production's student teacher, helps the students get out the supplies to build the set for the up coming play.

Rehearsing lines-Freshman Violet Stevens reads her introduction piece for the play "Abolition Flier".



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Doing the right thing-Sophomore Tiffany Oakley attempts to talk freshman Tieaasha Lee out of running away while senior Ayesha Abdullah is unaware of their conversation in the play "A Woman Called Truth".



photo by MaryAnn Spicer



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Imani Players, front row—Eboniece Cason, Michael Turner, Craig Clark, Alexis Hunt, Teondra Gilkey, Tiffany Oakley; second row—Tyree Lewis, Violet Stevens, Natasha Grant, Charles Bradley, Andrew Jackman, Jay Hall; third row—Jarreau Jefferson, MaryAnn Spicer, Crystal McQuerry, Erock Harris, Tara Patterson, Niema Nichols; last row—Geni Stanley, Matthew Griffis, Tieera Kaiser, Kelly Christopher, Chris Moore, Harry Stanley.

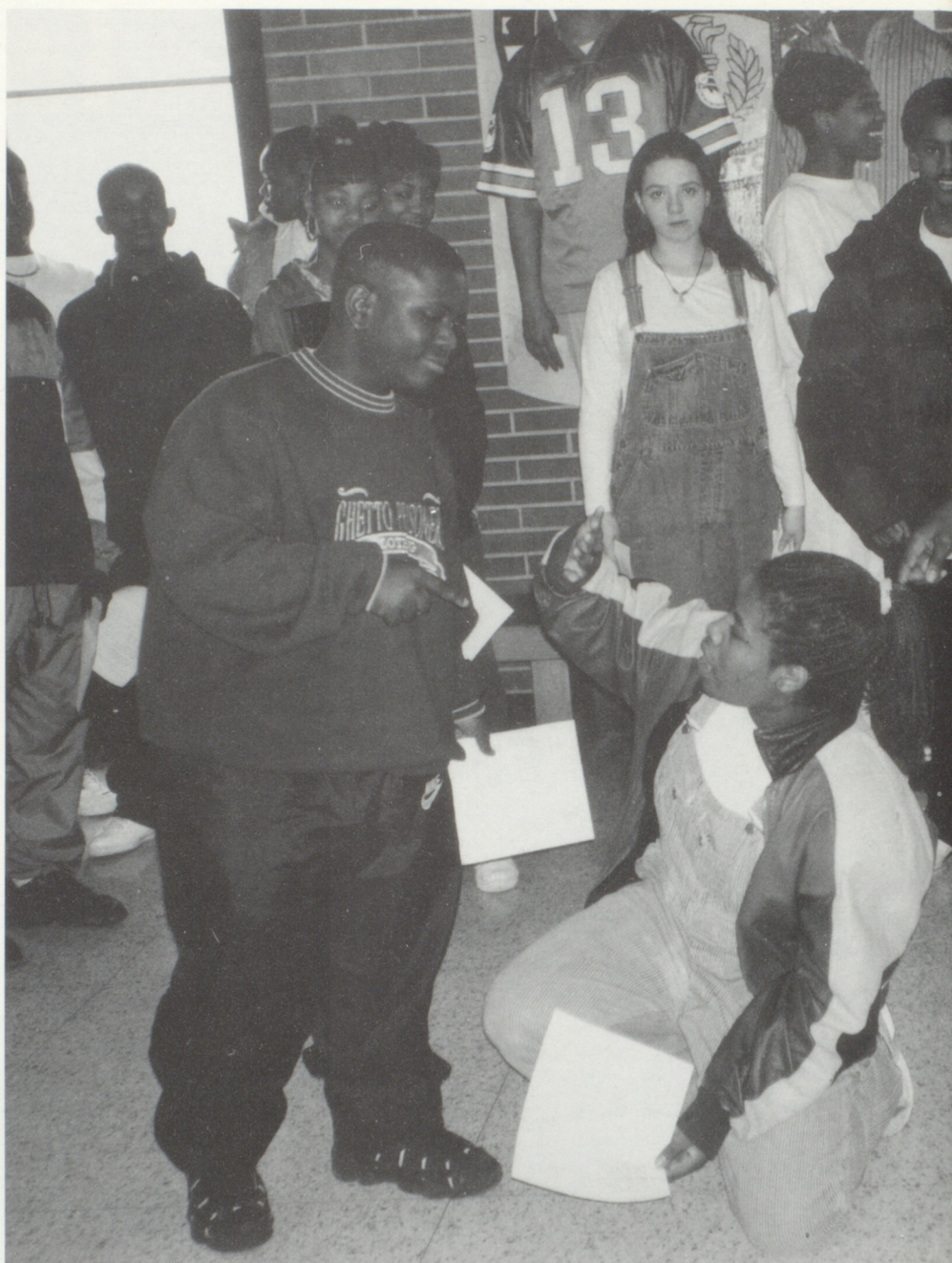


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Portraying history – Freshmen Michael Boddi, Ashley Brown, and Craig Clark rehearse an oppressive slavery scene from the play “Abolition Flier”.

Focusing on Culture

To draw attention and recognition to African-American culture and to spread it to faculty and students is the main goal of the Imani Players. Sponsored by MaryAnn Spicer, who also teaches African-American social studies, the group aims at taking what they have learned about the African-American culture and sharing it with others. This was done through a variety of performances.

One of their performances consisted of gospels which took place at the Forest Avenue Library, Dec. 22, 1995. The performance had an “excellent, enthusiastic turnout,” said Spicer. The group also performed for Kwanzaa functions. On Dec. 26 a play called “African Christmas” was done for Kwanzaa. In addition to this, the Imani Players also sang the Black National Anthem at Drake University on Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

One of their first plays of the year was titled “A Woman Called Truth”. This play was performed in October. The Imani Players also put on a play about freedom and slavery called “Abolition Flier”.

The topics chosen for their performances touched on many universal issues which might affect any individual. The subject of many plays concerned everyday life but also represented various viewpoints. Struggles with drugs, relationships with family and friends, and abuse were brought to the audience’s attention. Spicer said she hopes that the audience could “sense some of the struggles of the

individuals” depicted on stage.

According to Spicer, spreading the richness of African-American culture is not the only purpose of the Imani Players. She said that building confidence, self-esteem, and projecting feelings in a positive way were also important goals.

“The students could go towards bigger goals and thinking while learning about their culture,” said Spicer.

The members said that it is also a chance to meet new people and become more acquainted with everyone else.

“Being part of the Imani Players allows us to stick together. It keeps me busy so I wouldn’t have time to get into trouble,” said freshman Geni Stanley. Spicer agreed that through Imani Players individuals can fill their free time with positive, cultural fun.

“I love the singing and acting I get to do. It’s a good opportunity for people. We can prove our talents and ourselves,” freshman Jaime Gasaway said.

Speaking on the main goal of the Imani Players, Spicer said, “We want to gain support for the Imani Players to create awareness of African-American culture theater.”

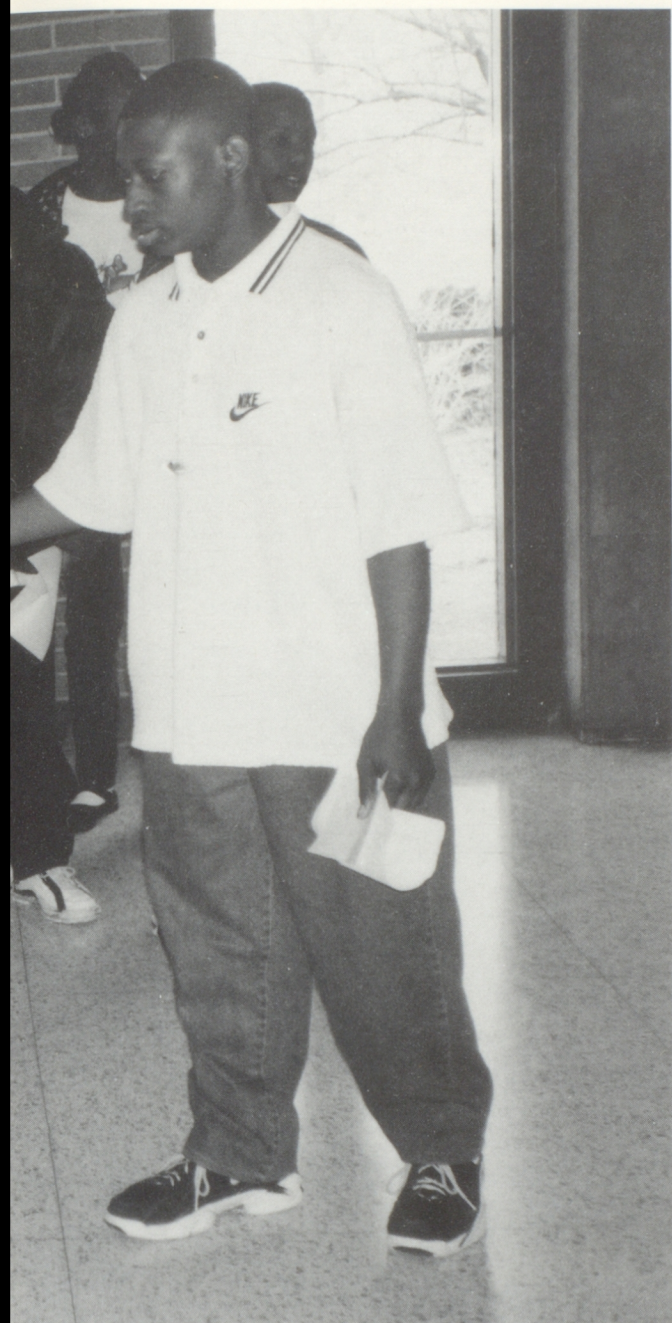


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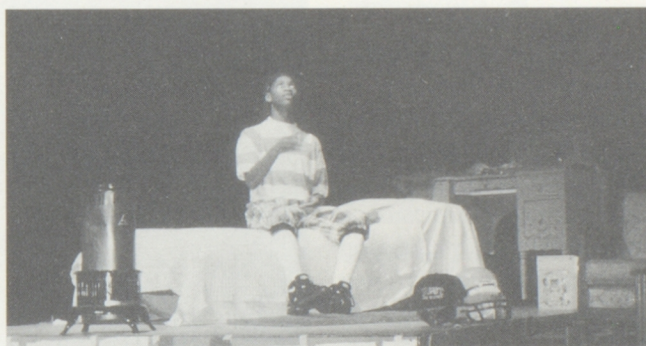


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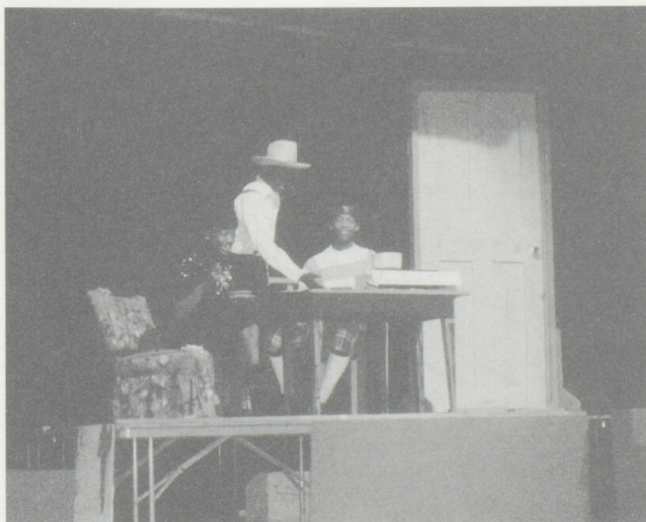


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Taking a Stand – Senior Ayesha Abdullah comforts sophomore Tuffy Jackson as senior Monty Jamison, freshman Tierra Kaiser and sophomore Tiffany Oakley argue in the play “A Woman Named Truth”.

Family time – Seniors Ayesha Abdullah and Monty Jamison chat with sophomore Tuffy Jackson at the dinner table during a scene from the play “A Woman Called Truth”.

Playing catch – Sophomore Tuffy Jackson tosses the ball to himself to pass the time as he waits for his friend to come over in scene from the play “A Woman Called Truth”.

You see kids — Pat McManus talks to Rice Elementary students with backup from the Peer Helpers.

Lending a hand

Peer Helpers is more than a usual activity; it involves being dedicated during school as well as outside of school. Peer Helpers act as role models, friends, and a helping hand.

Peer Helpers are involved at Hoover in activities like freshmen orientation, conferences, and the Winter Thaw. But, being a peer helper also means being a friend.

The helpers show new students around the building, and on their own time tutor students. Peer Helpers also act as role models. They go to elementary schools seventh hour for Peer Helper P.E., and to Monroe in a leadership training program.

They have even held a workshop presented by NCA and Polk County Victim Services.

This year's Peer Helpers are being advised by counselor Jan Callan Mashek.

She said, "I thoroughly enjoy working at Hoover. I love the diversity of the student body and think the young people here are super. Being able to use my Spanish on a daily basis is also a big plus. The Peer Helper program is great."

To be a Peer Helper, a student is required to fill out a questionnaire. Students who are good communicators, express caring of others, are cooperative and conscientious, and demonstrate a sense of responsibility are selected, Callan Mashek said.



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Crowd Participa-

tion — Sophomore

Sarah Anderson goes

out into a sea of Rice

Elementary students

looking for volunteers.



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Peer Helpers. front row—Jan Callan Mashek, Brenda Bass, Cindy Gronert, Talia Burnett, Tricia VanZee, Kristin Knox, Karla Sanchez, Jodi Solberg, Don Inthalangsy, Angela Neve, Marci Simonini, Erica Hanlon, Tara Patterson; second row—Ebonice Cason, Sarah Anderson, Kourtney Horner, Amie Hedrick, David Quinones, Shayla Haynes, Tiffany Oakley, LeeAnn Hofferber, Amy Lee, Andrea Kueck, Nga Lam; third row—Lena Cavan, Adam Crabb, John Audlehelm, Teon Gunn, Holy Stilwell, Ryan Doughan, Bridget Evans, Kathi Buckley, Katie Bierma, Candy Mason, Cathy Claycomb, Jared Gilbert; back row—Kari Behn, Alex Albright, Nate Curl, Nick Anderson, Nate Kinnetz, Erin Husmann, Heather Taft, Donny Duong, Brian Bainbridge, Keith Small, Jay Hall.



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Helping out—Sophomore Peer Helper Nate Curl writes a "warm fuzzzy" for a Rice Elementary student on March 28.

Listening attentively—Senior Lieu Pham listens at the meeting as Barb Getting explains the week's activities.

Don't argue—Juniors Candy Mason and Nga Lam discuss issues during conflict manager homeroom.

Listen up everyone—Instructor Barb Getting gives the announcements to the conflict manager homeroom.

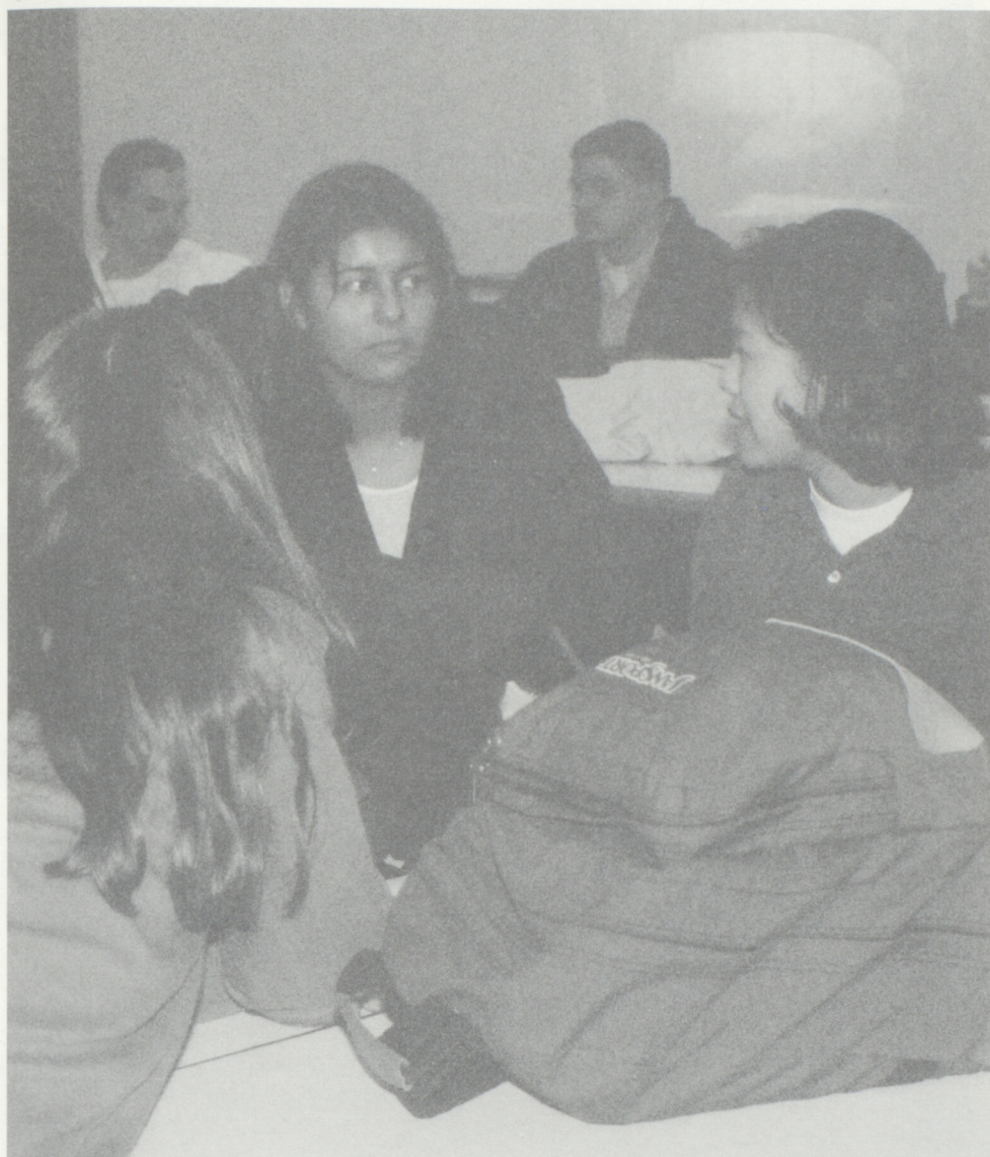


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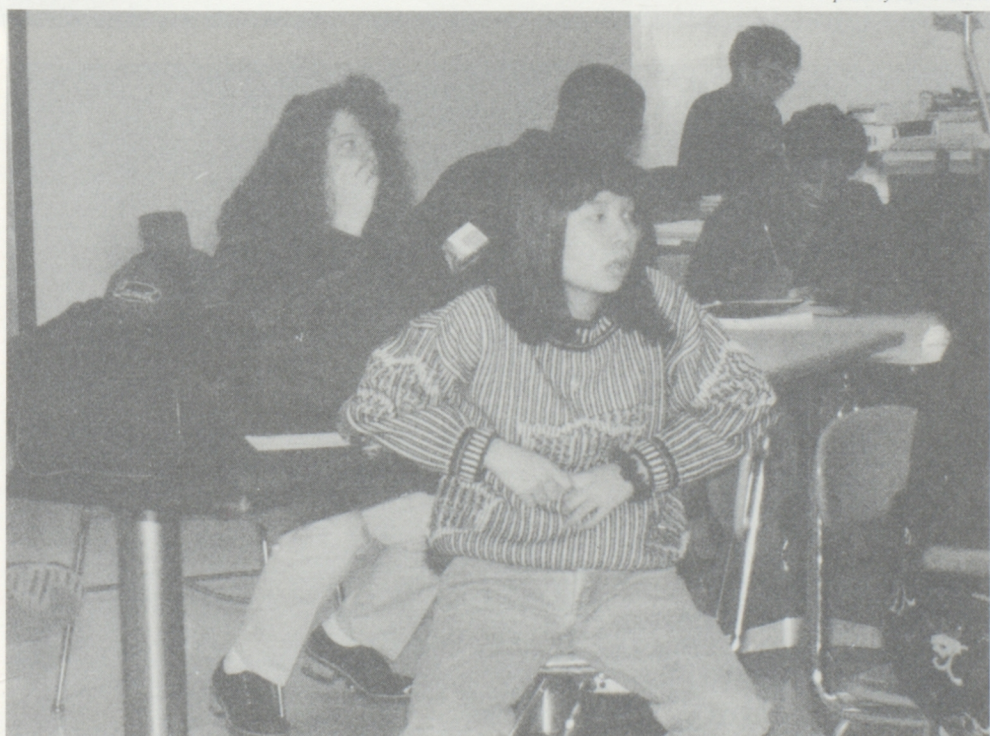


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Solving a conflict

Conflict Management is a fairly new program started among a few of the Des Moines schools. The program at Hoover is instructed by principal Bill McCollaugh, athletic director Dick Doughan, pupil services coordinator Ron McHone, and teacher Barb Getting.

"I love working with this group of students. We have such a diverse group of students giving me many opportunities to relate to many different students. They are a very hard-working group of kids that have devoted themselves to making Hoover a better place," Getting said.

Conflict Management consists of a group of students, called student based council, who must complete a fall semester class about conflict management and participate in a two-day training program.

Nga Lam, a junior conflict manager, said, "The training process was very long (a couple of days). We learned how to listen and not give advice to the people involved in the conflict. We practiced on helping the solving process but not actually solving the conflict for them."

Getting said the main requirements looked for in a conflict manager are honesty, good listening skills, trustworthiness, reliability, and someone students like to talk to. The main purpose of this program is to help students work out problems and give them a chance to talk to people who are close to their age. She also said the most common problems are rumors, boyfriend/girlfriend quarrels, and large group conflicts. Most students who are involved in the program said they found out about it from former students and upperclassmen.

Senior conflict manager Jessica Harding said, "Not only does conflict management help the students and teachers with problems, but also the managers themselves who help solve it."



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Conflict Managers, front row—Precious Carter, Lieu Pham, Jessica Harding, Tiffany Oakley, Lori Thomas, Nick Brockman, Jake Smith; second row—David Hoyer, Maggie Beavers, Kathi Buckley, Bridget Evans, Scott Johnson, Jalaal Reed, Charles Bradley, Tiffany Walker, Amy Lee, Sally Allan; back row—David Quinones, Erin Husmann, Nga Lam, Candy Mason, Keith Small, Jeff Scott, Barb Getting, Jay Hall; not pictured—Rudy Farley, Justin Griffiths, Katie Gross, Kelly Karsten, Eric Kintner, Loan Pham, Crystal Smith, Jemon Spivey, Rex Tredway, Tom Berger, Jenny Bennett, Ben Wiles, Niema Nichols

Taking the oath -- Senior NHS members take the oath at their induction ceremonies

Quite an Honor -- Junior Casey Coppi Receives his certificate of membership from Principal William McCollaugh.



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National Honor Society, front row— Alex Albright, Kirsten Knox, Kristina Sheaffer, Jeanda Cavan, Allison Musser, Erica Hanlon, Kim Mack, Theresa Hedrick, Marci Simonini, Angela Neve, Jodi Solberg, William Howe, Sally Allan, Amy Lee, Kathi Buckley, Nga Lam, Elizabeth Mace, Kristina Boswell, Loan Pham, Cindy Gronert, Samantha Johnson, Dan Parker; second row— Michelle Metschke, Tom Stehl, Terry Bradley, Erin Hussman, Amanda Camp, Amy Kneller, Kendra Brown, Nate Kirstein, Kathryn Tyrell, Candy Mason, Lela Braden, Amy Hanlon, Sara Tippins, Dawn Spiller, VJ Omundson, Ryan Mitchell, Jessica Harding, Kari Behn, Kristina Selander, Julian Guthrie; third row— Matt Anderson, John Audelhelm, Sarah Ellis, Emily Minnis, April Taylor, Dave Peterson, Bryan Howe, Eric Groen, Tim Schnoor, Ryan Doughan, Amanda Jones, Andrea Keuck, Kristin Langstraat, Xuan Nguyen, Willy Thompson, Tim Nehmer, Peter Bognanni, Lindsay Lawson; back row— Casey Coppi, Jamie Beard, Jason Cowden, Patrick Fergus, Christopher Sampson, Jared Gilbert, Aaron Thiese, Cathy Claycomb, Cassie Murphy, Megan Mogenson, John Miller III, Jon Talcott, Brad Steffen, Todd Strum, Jason Van Hemert, Minh Dao, Marlon Morales, Ryan Dow, Jeff Hopp.

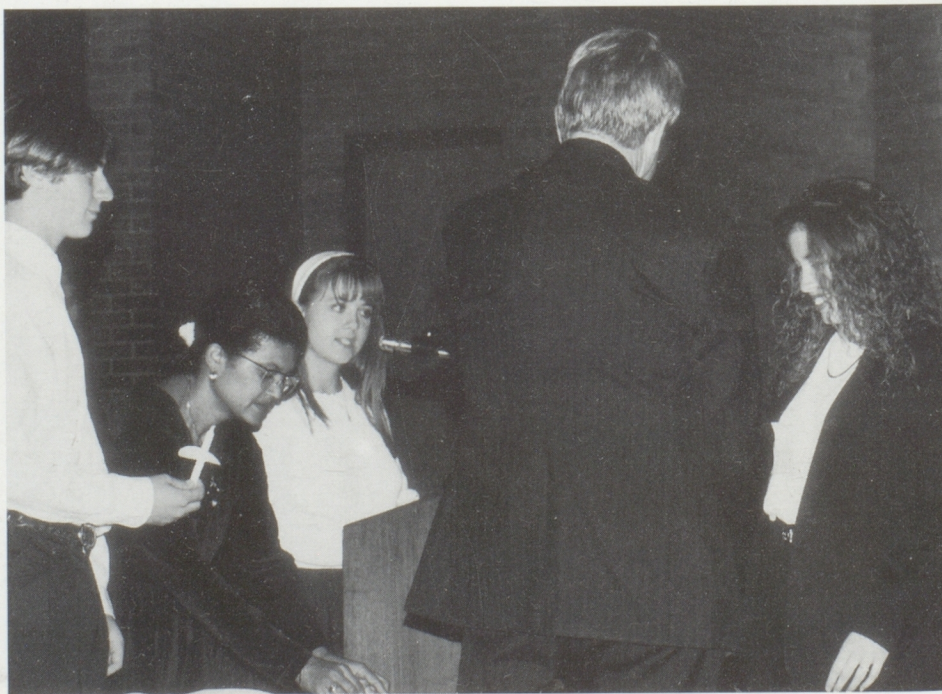


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Accepting Honors – Senior Jessica Harding accepts her certificate of membership for NHS from faculty member Dick Doughan.

Lending a hand – Junior Matt Anderson helps rake leaves at The Great Northwest Community Campus Clean-up Day on Oct. 28.

A new beginning – Faculty members Dick Doughan and Billy Stone along with senior cabinet members Eric Groen and Angela Neve hand out certificates to new members.

Soaring With Honors

The National Honor Society was founded in 1921. For 75 years The National Honor Society has been an organization to encourage community service, to promote leadership, and to add to the development of character. This year was no exception.

There were 91 members in the National Honor Society at Hoover High School in the 1995-96 school year. Billy Jean Stone was the faculty advisor for NHS. The group sponsored several activities throughout the school year and contributed to the community in many ways.

"The greatest accomplishment this year was NHS becoming more involved and having more fundraisers and activities, and also becoming known in the school," said junior NHS member Amy Kneller.

On Oct. 28, 100 volunteers and organizations, including NHS, participated in the "Great Northwest Community Campus Clean-up Project". One of the biggest accomplishments of the day was the planting of trees. \$1,500 worth of trees were planted with funding coming from numerous sources

such as New Horizons, Urban Trees, and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

"We should all show pride in our school by making the cleanest campus possible," said senior NHS member Aaron Thiese.

The NHS sponsored a school-wide Pop Top Drive beginning Nov. 18. The activity was created to help

with the operational expenses of cancer patients at the Des Moines Ronald McDonald House.

"It's a good project because so many people drink pop. So it's practical and easy to save tabs to benefit cancer patients," said senior NHS member Amy Hanlon. Another senior member, John Miller III, said, "I think this project was very important. It raised a lot of money that aided in the cancer treatments of some of our own Hoover students."

In the month of November NHS helped to sponsor a food drive at Hoover collecting non-perishable food items for the Emergency Food Pantry sites surrounding the Des Moines area. The group, along with the help of the student body, successfully collected 527 items for the food pantries.

NHS and ROTC collectively helped with the two blood drives this year at Hoover. One blood drive was held on Nov. 2 and the second one was held on March 14. In order to get more people involved in the blood drive at Hoover, NHS raffled Billy Stone's parking space for a week to all of the participants.

"I think that a blood drive is a fantastic idea. There is no better way to help others," said senior member Lukasz Nosek.



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Helping out- Se-

nior NHS Member

Jodi Solberg helps

out at the Great

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Clean-up Day on Oct.

28.

Talking it out— Brigadier General Hickerson, Deputy commander of the Army Recruiting Command, talks with senior Sarah Ford.



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Struttin' their stuff— The Color Guard performs at the Pufferbilly Days Parade at Boone in September.



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ROTC, first row— Kari Lane, Joey Avery, Lizmara Tornes, Sarah Ford, Sarah Hart, Heath Ospers, John Miller, Mike Wilson, J.B. Moore, Kristina Boswell; second row— Robert Nentl, Martha Valdez, Kennon Werner, Dan Grace, Von Lom, Vincent White, Jason Kramersmeier, Brandon Vaughan, Kelly Riley, P.J. Wills, Jessica Conley, Brian Van Fleet, Courtney Coll, Leilani Bollinger, Nicholas Folk, Tom Starnes, April Richardson, Angela Williams; third row— Rod Serbus, Shannon Vick, Daheka Saundres, Nancy Jones, Adriana Soto, Matt Gankler, Michael Steinbron, Michael Livingston, Melissa Wahlert, Reznatu Merrifield, Holly Hill, Sarah Berry, Elizabeth Raygosa, Scott Berry, Sarah Ellis, Jim Foley, Rachael Rand, Christine Frost; fourth row— Frank Ballard, Andrew Johnson, Daniel Whitten, Phillip Mueller, Tom Bennett, Travis Valley, Mike Boal, Ashley Hill, Kris Gilbert, Josh Andrews, David Swift, Jeremy Woods, Andrew Rowland, Jesus Aguayo, Mike Mandt, Mark Moore, Candice Sater, Jason Cowden, Matt Dorwart.

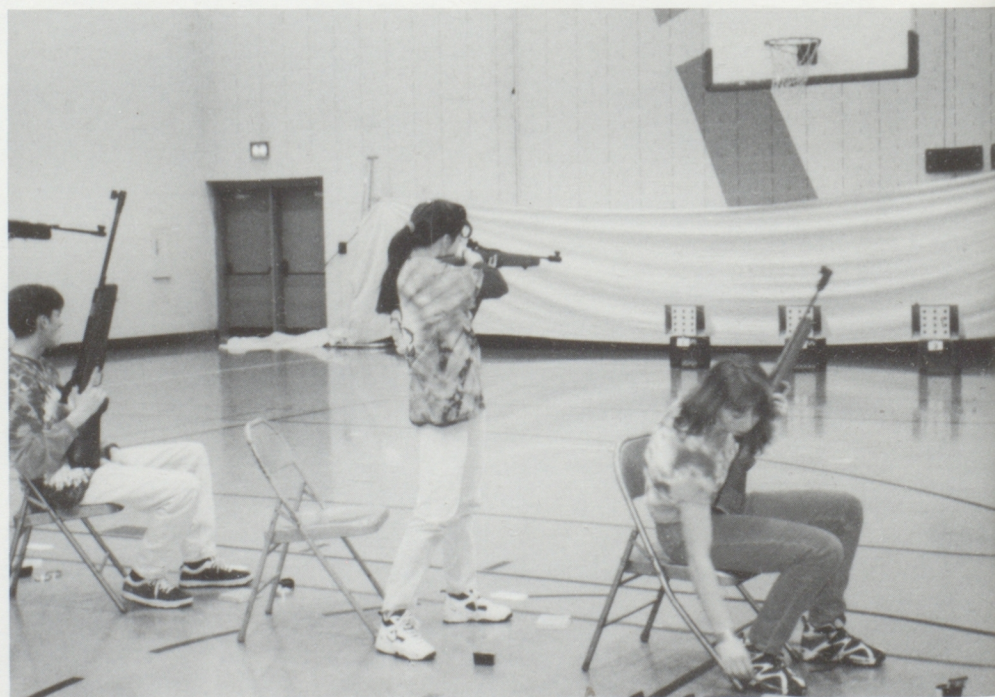


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Drinking it up— Cadet Captain senior John Miller mixes a special drink with Major Wahlert at the ROTC's dining out party on Feb. 17.

Moving Up In Ranks

ROTC has now been at Hoover for ten years. The group celebrated their tenth anniversary with many great accomplishments.

"Our greatest accomplishment this year was the growth of our unit. We have grown by nearly 100 cadets this year," said senior Cadet Captain John Miller III.

The ROTC group at Hoover consists of several schools with over 200 members. Most of the students are from Hoover but there are seven other schools that have students participating in this program. The schools that participate are Valley, Urbandale, Johnston, North, Roosevelt, Lincoln, and East.

ROTC is an organization that teaches their cadets to have pride in themselves for who they are. They also promote community service.

"I think that JROTC is a good program because it promotes and brings out great things in everyone. We teach our cadets to take what they have as an individual and do the best with it," said Cadet Captain John Miller III.

The year was filled with many community service projects that helped organizations. On Oct. 15, ROTC sponsored Combat Hunger. They raised over 225 items to be donated with 20 ROTC members helping to collect the goods.

ROTC also takes a great part in supporting the school. On Oct. 28 over 100 volunteers helped with the Great Northwest Campus Clean-up Project. Over \$1,500 worth of trees were planted that day throughout the campus. ROTC also helps to sponsor the Hoover paper recycling program.

Other community service projects include Operation Santa, which collected 1,600 items. The Hunger Hike held on Oct. 8 raised \$316.

Besides community service projects they also had many competitive events. The rifle team competed in three events, one in Indianapolis and the other two were held at Camp Dodge. Individuals in the group also participated in such events as map reading, color guard, quiz bowl, and drill team.

The color guard appeared at over 30 events this year. They were in the State Fair Parade downtown in August. They also performed at the football games, basketball games, and homecoming activities. Color guard has also participated in activities such as the Violence Convention, the governor's birthday celebration, the Republican party of Iowa, and several other parades and events.

The group ended the year with a dining out party at Camp Dodge on Feb. 17.

Flying high—

The Raider team took a tour of The Iowa Air National Guard viewing an F-16 Fighter Jet.



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Forging ahead— Senior Leilani Bollinger crosses part of the obstacle course while senior Sarah Ford looks on.

Taking aim— Senior Sarah Ellis and freshman Michelle Bailey compete in a rifle invitational in Indianapolis.

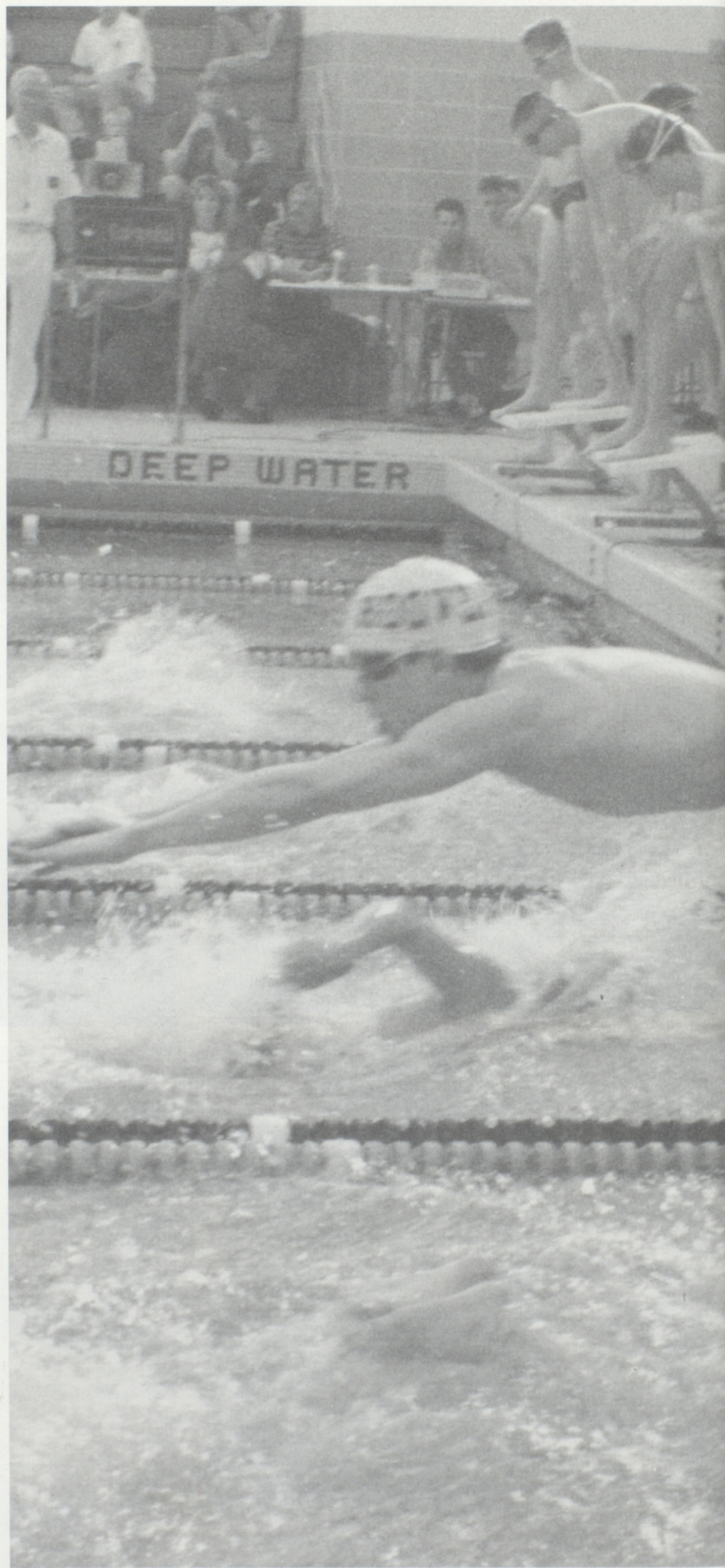


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In the swing of things – Junior Matt Anderson takes a cut at the tennis ball during a singles match at home versus Indianola on April 23. The boys' tennis team finished in a tie for second place in the CIML American Conference; the highest in six years.

Floating on air – Senior Chad Murray leaps to the water, beginning a swim meet during the district competition at Lincoln on Feb. 10. The boys' swim team was deemed "most improved team" by the CIML and Coach Dave Linder was awarded the CIML Coach of the Year award.



Guts & Glory

It's the ninth inning with two outs; the fourth quarter and down by one; the third set and match point; the eighteenth green and putting for par... Would you have the guts to go for the glory?

Athletics at Hoover has carried the green and gold to all levels of achievement. Whether sports are played for fun, fitness, discipline, or competition, they have always required those students who are willing to go beyond the basic academic requirements and challenge themselves both physically and mentally to the limit.

The result of this determination and striving for excellence is the aching muscles, the panting exhaustion, the dirty socks, the soaked tee-shirts – the sweet tastes of victory. This year, Hoover tasted its fair share of victory.

Beginning the year in the fall with a new coach and a new lineup, the varsity football team started a new era. The boys' golf team placed third in the conference; highest in years. On its way to state for the second successive year, the boys' cross country team reached new standards of excellence.

While snow lay outside, the boys' varsity basketball team heated it up inside, defeating state tournament qualifier, Dowling, twice during the regular season on the shoulders of six underclassmen. Led by CIML Coach of the Year, Dave Linder, the boys' swim team caught a glimpse of what's to come in sending a freshman to swim at the state competition.

As the sun melted the snow, varsity boys' and girls' tennis teams melted their competition, placing high in their conferences. Varsity boys' and girls' track ran to victory, while baseball and softball reigned the summer. Girls' golf swung their way to Husky history, winning more dual meets than any other squad this decade.

And all the while, the cheerleaders lifted spirits by leading crowds and teams to new levels of adrenaline – providing the guts to achieve the glory.

Tackling the odds

The varsity football team had a new addition this year, first year Hoover coach Max Duvall. Duvall said his main goal for the season was to build a successful football program which will be strong and successful year after year.

Duvall said when he first got to Hoover, he felt that there was much potential for the football program but very little experience.

As far as the team working together, Duvall said, "With a small number of seniors, there wasn't much experience, but all players worked together well."

When it comes to offensive standouts, Duvall said there was no real leader. "No single player has yet to step to the front, on offense."

The defensive leader was senior linebacker Joe Lamb. "Joe is aggressive and leads the defense in many ways," Duvall said.

Duvall said that the most memorable play of the season was senior running back Jay Hall's seventy-yard touchdown against Fort Dodge on Sept. 1.

When asked how he felt the season went, Hall said, "It's been a fun season!"

Duvall said that the most memorable

game of the season was the Homecoming game on Sept 29 against Indianola. "That particular game was the most memorable because of the way the defense played together" Duvall said.

The Huskies finished the season with a record of 0-9 in the conference.

Getting down -

The Husky dogs get down on the defense, to play some ball, against S.E. Polk on Oct. 20 at Cara

McGrane Stadium

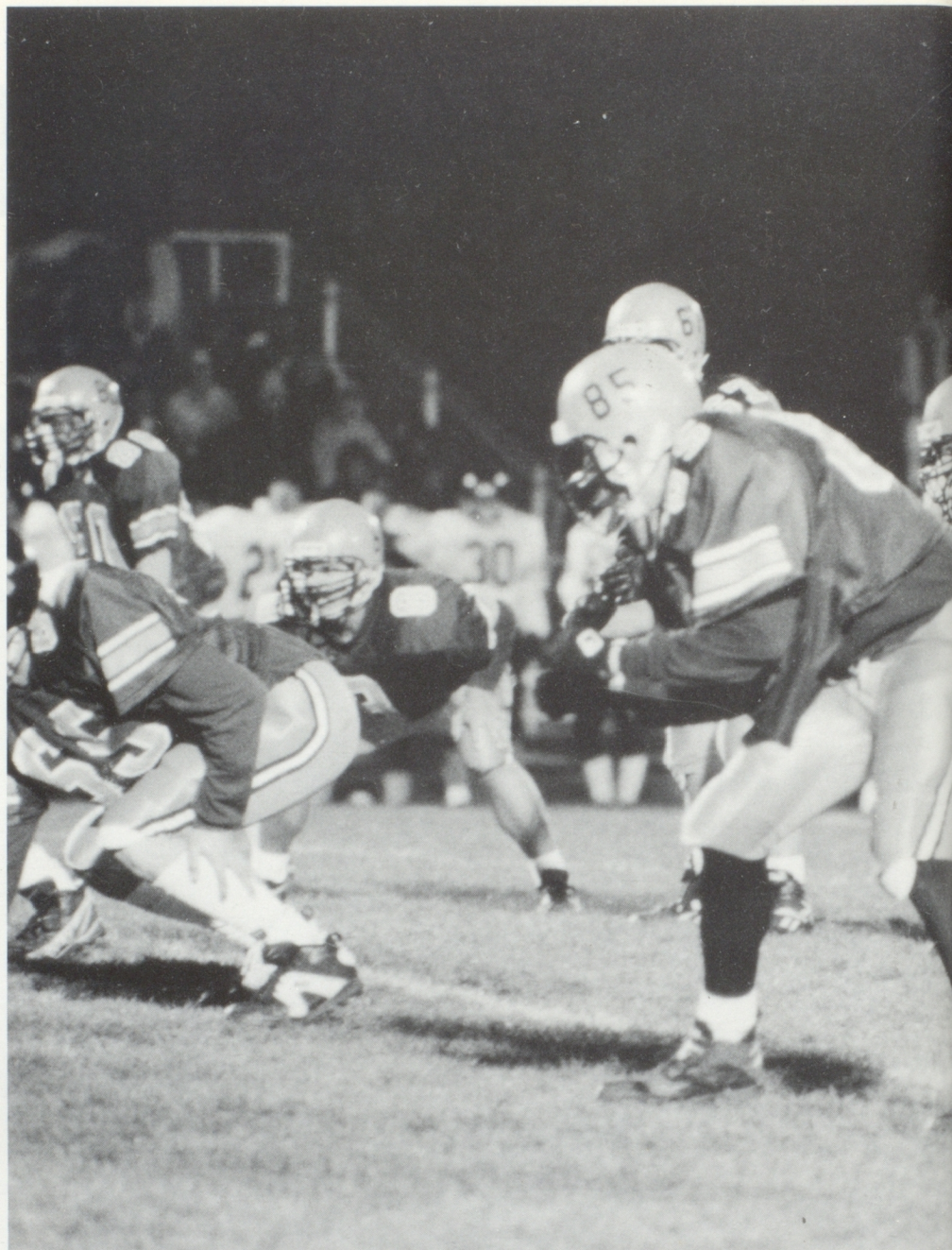


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On the line -

Huskies offense gets prepared to make a play at the S.E. Polk game, on Oct. 20, at Hoover.



photo by Kari Greenlee

Let's play some ball! - Junior Ryan Kramer tries to get the team fired up to take on the S.E. Polk Rams on Oct. 20.

Dropping Back - Sophomore quarterback, Grant Noah is dropping back to pass the ball on Oct. 20, against S.E. Polk, at Hoover.

Said

&

Done



senior Joe Lamb

Senior linebacker, Joe Lamb was named to First Team All Conference and voted the teams defensive MVP. Lamb was also a team captain.



senior Jay Hall

Senior running back, Jay Hall recieved Honorable Mention All Conference and was voted the teams offensive MVP. Hall was also a team captain.



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Varsity football team, front row – Jeremy Dingman, Keith Collier, Jeremiah Breeze, Charles Bradley, Nate Ferguson. Second row – Nick Lloyd, Jeff Bash, Mike Amos, Lauris Rostoks, Jay Hall, Tony Brundage, Tim Rech, Sisouphanh Deuanephen, Justin Song. Third row – Mgr. Adam Jones, Mgr. Amanda Camp, Student Trainer Melissa Priest, Coach Haywood Boston, Soph. Coach Brian Tate, Coach Jason Soliday, Coach Dan Jones, Head Coach Max Duvall, Coach Knee, Soph. Coach Chet Culver, Coach Jeff Janen, Mg. Jessica Moeller, Mgr. Jodi Solberg. Fourth row – Ben Carter, Jeremy Jorgenson, Tom Berger, Jeff Scott, Joe Lamb, Russell Lamar, Lance Dixon, Andy Hotopp, Matt Broich. Fifth row – Kelly Christopher, James Birkett, Brad Wallace, Phil Holt, Grant Noah, Chance Hulten, Harry Stanley, Robert Levy. Back row – Matt Griffis, Dave Juskelis, Brandon Sonnenburg, Kris Greenlee, Josh Brott, Scott Johnson, Charles Baumert, Chris Moore, Ryan Kramer.



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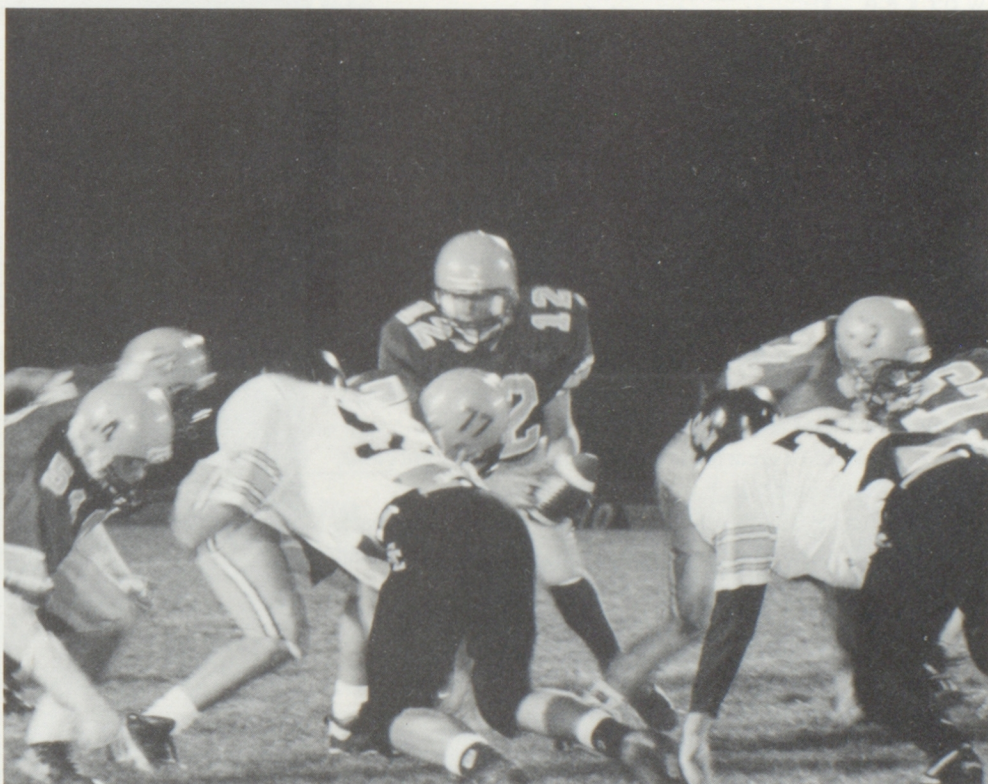


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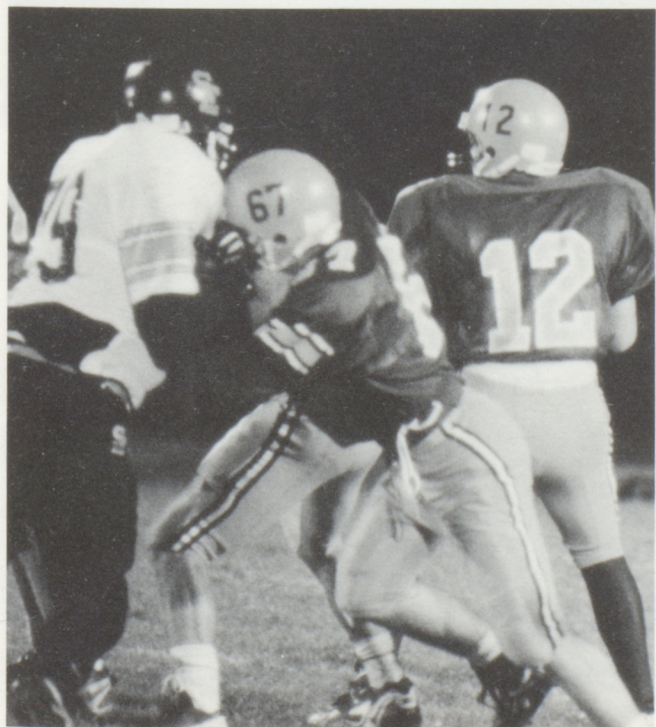


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the Final Score

HHS	0-9	Opp.
12	Ft. Dodge	42
7	Ankeny	59
7	East	42
21	Lincoln	42
7	Indianola	19
21	Roosevelt	42
0	Dowling	54
0	S. E. Polk	49
7	North	49

Starting the play – Sophomore Grant Noah takes the snap, as the Huskie offense begins into motion. Oct. 20, against S.E. Polk, at Hoover.

Getting closer

The sophomore football team finished the season winless, but not spiritless. They looked beyond the losses to find improvements in ways not shown on the scoreboard.

"It was tough to lose every game this season," said coach Chet Culver. "Our players worked hard all season long and it showed on the field but not the scoreboard."

Against East at home on Sept. 15, the Huskies forced a season-high four turnovers- two fumbles and two interceptions. Both times the Scarlets had the ball inside the Huskies' 20-yard line, but Husky defense prevented any scoring.

"We did a great job holding them when they got close, but our offense didn't kick in," said Kris Greenlee.

Culver said the team was led this year by quarterback Greenlee, receiver Keith Collier, leading tackler Jeremiah Breeze, and back Jeremy Dingman.

"The season went great overall and everyone really got along," said Collier.

Sophomore Football Team,

front row - Keith Collier, Jeremiah Breeze, Nick Miller, Jeremy Dingman, Lance Dixon; second row - Brice Jones, Charles Bradley, Lauris Rostoks,



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Tony Brundage, Isaac Emerson, Steve Bauer; back row - manager . Michelle Foote, Harry Stanley, Chris Moore, Mgr. Holly Moller, coach Chet Culver, coach Brian Tate, David Lam, Kris Greenlee, Adam Emerson.

Making the
decision -
Sophomore
Assistant
Coach Adam
Hulten ponders
his choices at
Dowling on
Oct. 12.

Said...



sophomore Jeremiah Breeze

"The most memorable game was against North. It's sort of a bad memory, but we sure played our hearts out."



sophomore Jeremy Dingman

"Even though our record didn't show it, the players played their all every game and improved during the season."



photo by Jodi Solberg



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Hut one, hut two... - Freshman Greg Danielson calls an audible at Dowling on Oct. 12.

Shaking them off - Freshman Maurice Jackson puts the moves on his opponent at Dowling on Oct. 12.



photo by Jodi Solberg

Taking the return – Freshman Tyree Lewis catches the football en route to a return at home versus Roosevelt on Oct. 5.

Passing the competition

The freshmen football team primarily focused on improving throughout the season rather than on winning a lot of games this year. Although they did win, finishing with a record of 2-7 overall, they still continued to improve.

"The whole team developed and matured as the season progressed," said coach Jeff Jansen.

The two wins came against North and East, on Sept. 7 and 14, respectively. At East, the Huskies got a school record 95-yard kick-off return from running back Tyree Lewis.

In both victories, the Huskies took over in all aspects of the game.

"In our only two wins of the season, it was the domination in both offense and defense that led to victories," said Ben Talcott.

In the American Conference, the Huskies improved over last year's one victory with two.

"The year went great and everyone had fun," said linebacker

Saul Hedquist.



photo by Jodi Solberg

Done...



freshman Greg Danielson

As quarterback, led the team in passing, most passing yards in three years



freshman Tyree Lewis

Had a 95-yard touchdown return against East - the longest return in school for a freshman

A team effort – a Husky pack swarms around the football at Dowling on Oct. 12.

the Final Score

Sophomore

HHS	Opp.	HHS	Opp.
L Fort Dodge	W	L Roosevelt	W
L Ankeny	W	L Dowling	W
L East	W	L SE Polk	W
L Lincoln	W	L North	W
L Indianola	W		

the Final Score

Freshmen

HHS	Opp.	HHS	Opp.
0 S.E. Polk	47	7 Roosevelt	46
30 North	6	0 Dowling	50
25 East	0	21 Fort Dodge	38
28 Lincoln	46	21 Ankeny	40
14 Indianola	28		



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Freshmen football team, front row – Eric Sharp, Erik Thlavong, Monte Davis, Michael Turner, C.J. Frasier, Jermaine Burket, Cameo McGreger, Brad Gibson; second row – Chris Funk, Andy Ginn, Sammy Song, Manager Tiffany Burferd, Coach Haywood Boston, Coach Jeff Jansen, Manager Christy Niebes, Ben Talcott, Jeff Wheeler; third row – Maurice Jackson, Chad Floden, Jerry Brently, Mike Murphy, Jerome Miller, Joey Jaynes, Pat Stolki, Mike Navin; fourth row – Geni Stanley, Tim Barnes, Nick Horton, Ben Profitt, Tyree Lewis, Luke Oliver, Saul Hedquist, J.D. Sharp; back row – Eric Mitchell, Justen Reese, Bo Lenard, Greg Danielson, Dan Connet, Sean Murphy, and Brent Bockoven.



photo by Jodi Solberg

Serving it up

This year's varsity volleyball team was a compilation of young players led by the senior threesome of Stephanie Roskamp, Kari Greenlee, and Emily Minnis. All three were returning letter winners.

Third year coach Scott Noah said, "All three have been here since their sophomore year and understand all that we are trying to do. They really helped our younger girls out."

"The players were willing to learn, and it made things a lot easier," added Greenlee.

Noah started the season with one goal for the team and himself. "Our primary goal for the season was to win a conference match," he said.

The Huskies accomplished this task not once, but twice. The first victory came over S.E. Polk in Hoover's first home game of the season.

Minnis expressed her thoughts after the game. "I felt awesome; it was a great moment to finally win a conference match!"

The Huskies' next victory came on the road against North in their last conference game of the season.

Greenlee and junior DeLaine Burken placed third and fifth in the conference overall, respectively.

The Huskies finished with an overall conference record of 2-6. Noah said, "In achieving our stated goal, we demonstrated significant improvement from last year. The record shows it."

Look out below!

— Sophomore

Maggie Beavers

leaps up high to

spike the ball dur-

ing a warm up be-

fore the game at

East on Sept. 26.

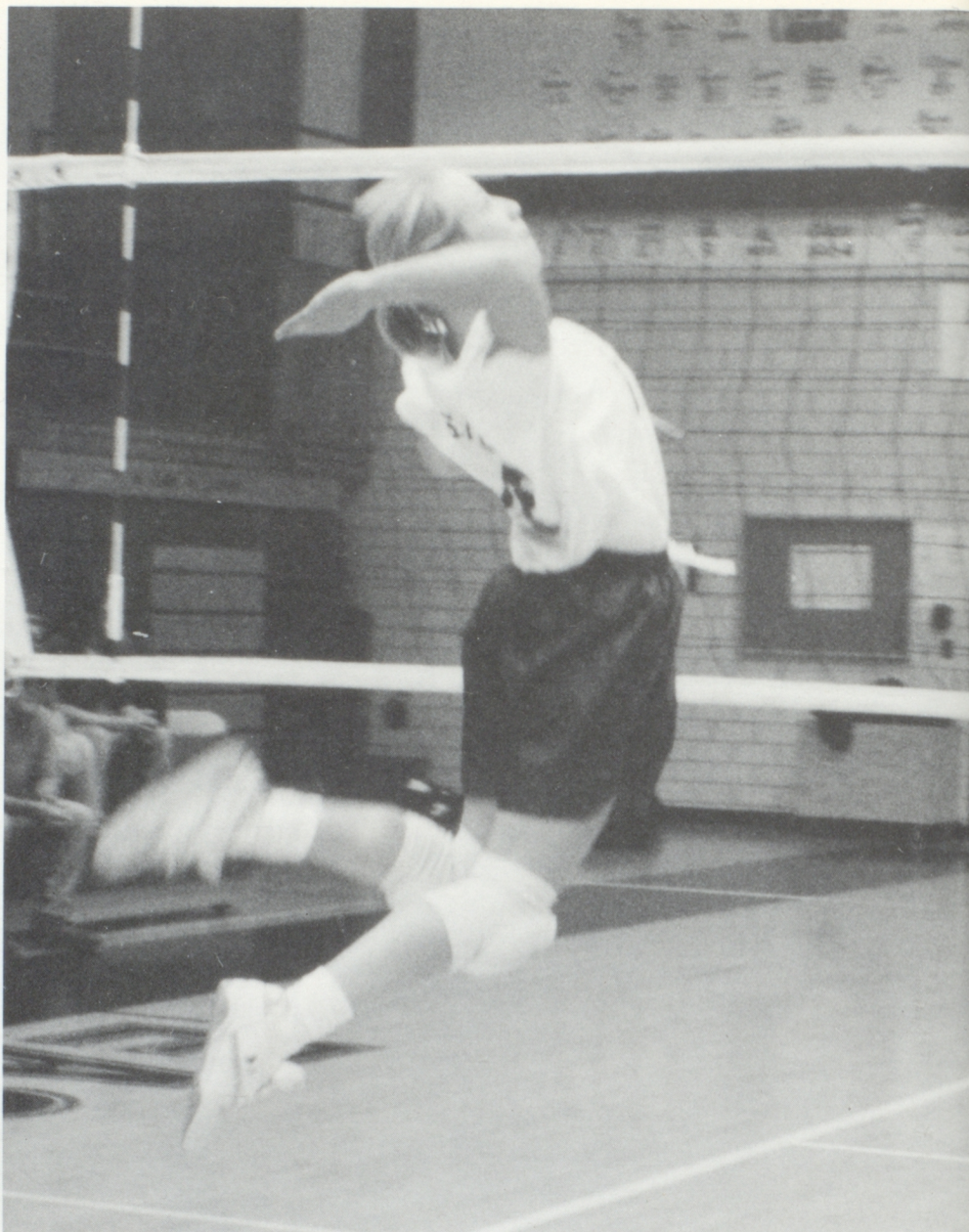


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Out of here! —

Junior DeLaine Burken rejects a Southeast Polk player's attempt to score in the Huskies' first conference victory.

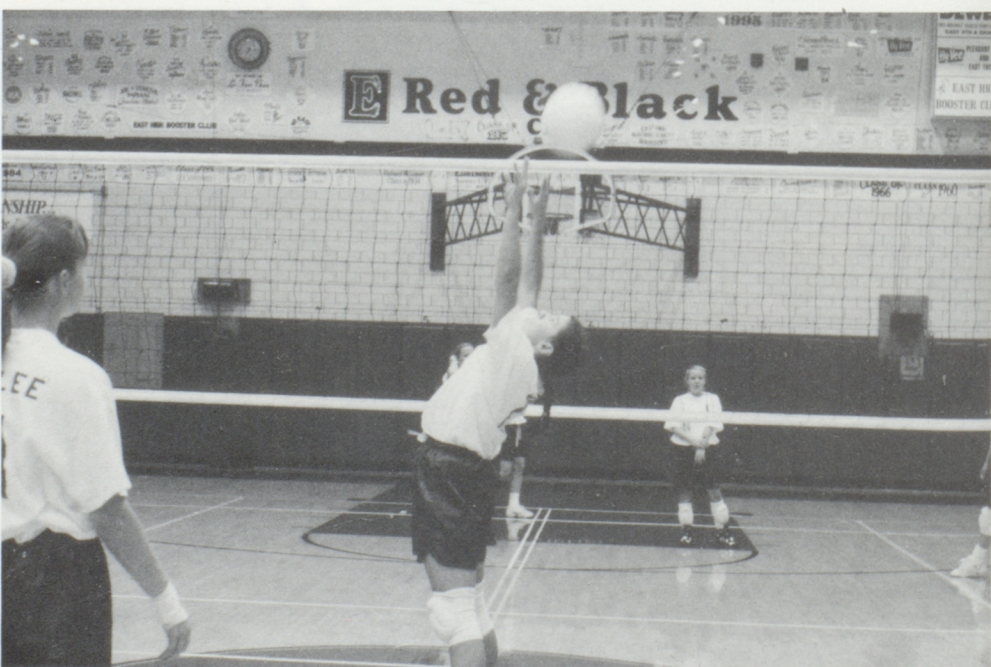


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Ready, get set... — Senior Emily Minnis sets the ball for senior Kari Greenlee to practice before the East game on Sept. 26.

Up and Over — Sophomore Maggie Beavers blocks an attempt to spike the ball from Southeast Polk at Hoover on Sept. 5.

Said & Done



junior Nikki Johnson



senior Kari Greenlee

"Our team accomplished a lot this year. We became more of a team and decided to show some talent. It was a great season and we had a lot of fun. Next year the class of '97 plans to take charge."

Second Team All Conference (first ever from HHS); 95.6% serving percentage (sixth in conference); 83 kills (1.22 per game); 72 blocks (1.059 per game, third in conference).



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Varsity volleyball team, front row—Sarah Hinchcliff, DeLaine Burken, Maggie Beavers, Karen Lueder; second row—Amanda Jones, Nikki Johnson, coach Scott Noah, Heather Taff, Cindy Gronert; third row—Kristin Hayes, Emily Minnis, Kari Behn; back row—Kari Greenlee, Lisa Bentley, Stephanie Roskamp.



photo by Dena Shoemaker

the Final Score

HHS	4-24-4	Opp
3	S.E. Polk	0
1	Roosevelt	3
1	Newton	3
1	Lincoln	3
0	East	3
0	Dowling	3
0	Indianola	3
3	North	1

Job well done — Kari Greenlee leads the Husky pack in shaking hands with a defeated Southeast Polk team after the Huskies' first home conference victory in over a year on Sept. 5.

Fighting the odds

The junior varsity volleyball team had to fight the odds with only seven J.V. players.

Some of the goals for the players this year was to

produce a J.V. team with a "never quit" attitude that was capable of adapting to any situation. "This was obvious with only seven full time J.V. players and a 7-2 record," said third year coach Gene Denny.

The junior varsity team was led by juniors Kristin Hayes and Lisa Bentley. "With Hayes' go-getter mentality and Bentley's spark plug enthusiasm it was rare that the team ever got down on themselves," Denny said.

First year player, junior Amanda Jones, was a key player to the success of the team. Denny said, "Jones progressed further and faster than they ever could have hoped for."

Awaiting the Serve – Junior Amanda Jones and sophomore Jodi Helton await the serve at North on Oct. 17.

Said...

Junior Lisa Bentley – "I think that the season went very well, only because I had a great time. We were serious but yet we could still have fun. Our J.V. team only had seven players so that made it more challenging."

Junior Kristin Hayes – "Our j.v. team had fewer players than most which made it more of a challenge for us, but we accepted the challenge, and tried our hardest. We worked well together as a team."

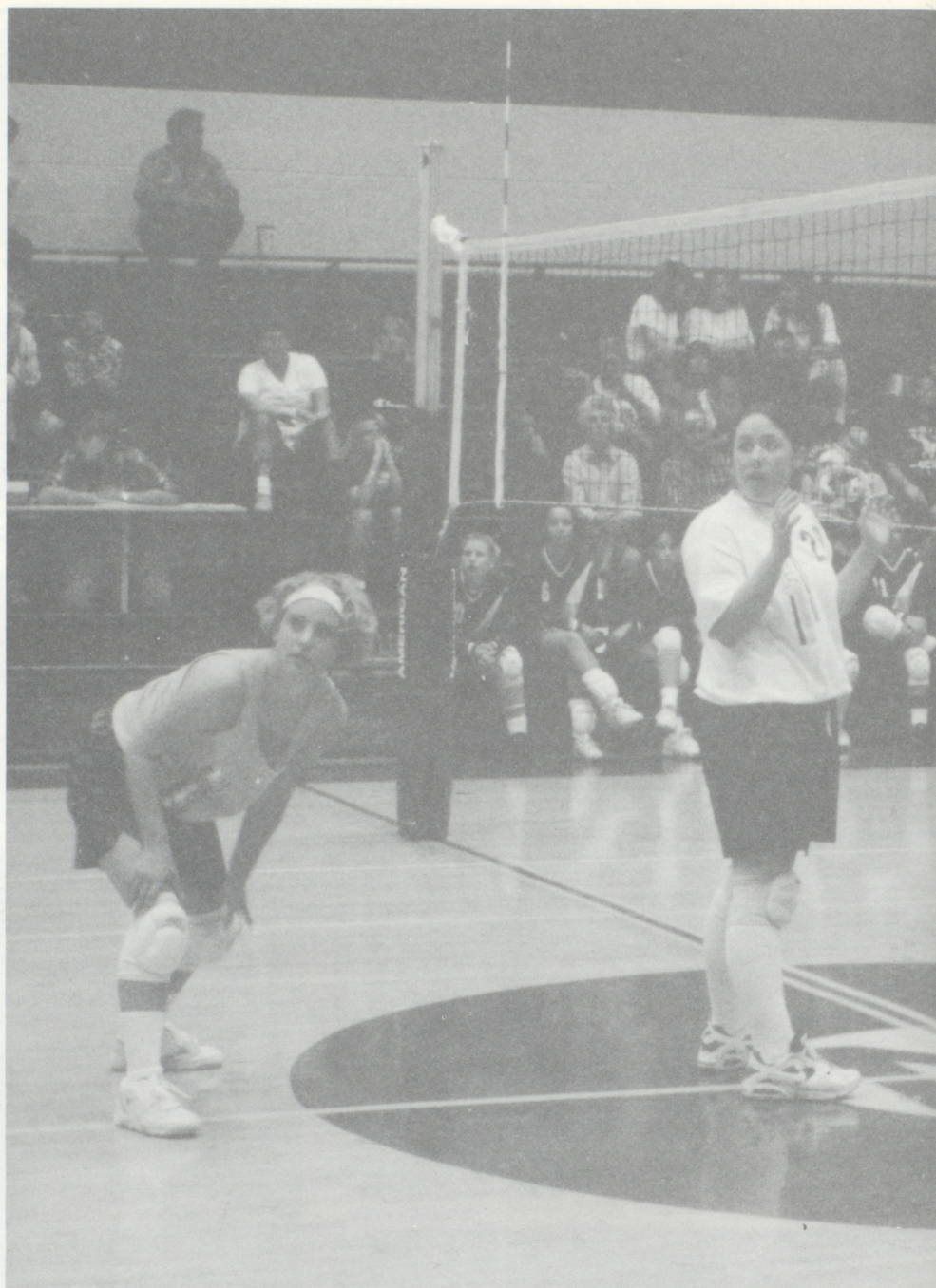


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Working together – The J.V. players work together and warm up before their match against East.

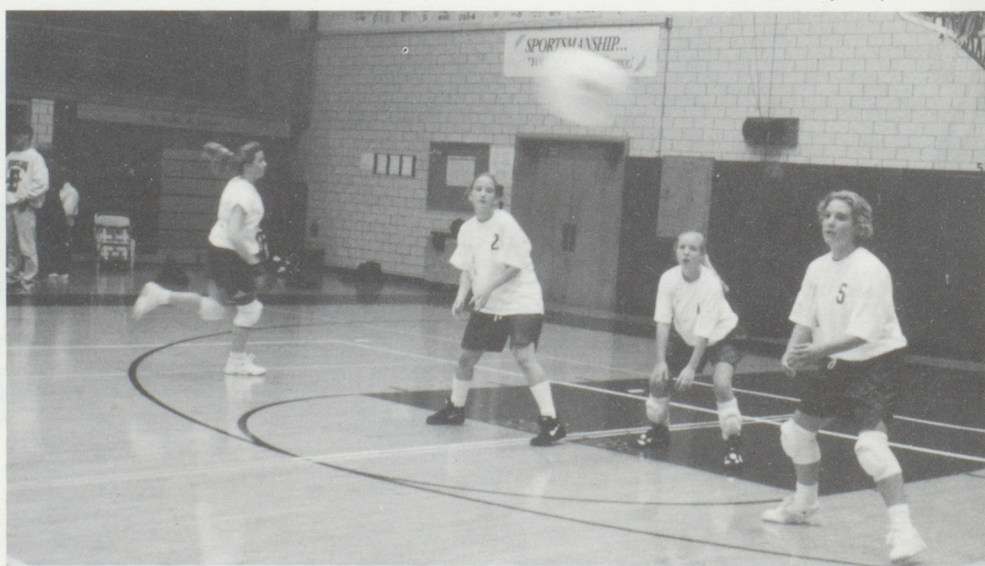


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That's yours! – Junior Amanda Jones gets ready to dive for the ball as juniors Kristin Hayes and Lisa Bentley look on.

Standing ready – Freshman Tonya Halstead waits for the serve as her teammates look on.

On your toes – Sophomore Katie Gross stands ready to pass the ball to teammates, sophomores Abbey Williams and Amber Wessing.

Digging up wins

Two new additions to the volleyball program this year was new coach, Deb Isenhart, and the return of the sophomore team. The sophomore team started out the season with a 3-0 loss to S.E. Polk and ended the season with a 3-0 win against North. Isenhart said, "We continued to improve throughout the season in understanding positioning on offense and defense and playing together as a team." The overall record of the sophomore team was 7-3.

The sophomore team was strong in serving with a percentage of 75. There were also three players that had percentages above 80; Joelle Coons, Sara Carlson, and Amanda Roed. The team was not led by any one player. "Throughout the season we had a total team effort. We weren't carried by one or two girls. Each player on our team had a different strength that helped us," Isenhart said.

The freshman team was coached by Jill Tallman. Freshman Tracey Skinner said, "By the end of the season we were talking and playing more as a team. We made it to the playoffs in one of the tournaments, which was one of our goals. The season was fun and we hope to improve next year."

Done...



Had a serving percentage of 83, with 71 out of 86 serves completed. Had 25 aces.

sophomore Joelle Coons



Had a serving percentage of 85, with 64 serves out of 75 completed. Had 21 aces.

sophomore Sara Carlson

Receiving the serve – The sophomore team awaits the serve from North.

and we hope to improve next year."

Freshmen Volleyball Team, front row – Tracey Skinner, Sarah Hensly, Christy Meade; second row – Molly Gross, Michelle Ryan, Holly Mayers, Liz Carey; third row – Tonya Halstead, coach Jill Tallman, Jenny Baumert

J.V. Volleyball Team, front row – Joelle Coons, Mandi Gremmer; second row – Jodi Helton, Katie Gross, Christine Gettys; third row – Amber Wessing, Abbey Williams, Sara Carlson; back row – Lucy Ford, Amanda Roed.

Going both ways – The sophomore team also played on J.V. when the other schools did not have a sophomore team.

Setting the pace

Youth played an important role in this year's women's cross country team. With a starting varsity team comprised of four freshmen and one sophomore, the team was very young and inexperienced yet competed very well.

"Overall, we improved ourselves at every meet. (This year's team) is a lot stronger," coach Robert Jankovitz said.

This year's team was, according to Jankovitz, "...just beginning to smell success."

On Aug. 29 the team began the season with a strong third place finish at the Southeast Polk Invitational. The top three varsity finishers were freshman Stephanie Mann, who finished 10th, followed by sophomore Amie Hedrick, in 18th and senior Kristi Sullivan coming in 28th. Senior Amy Lee said, "We started off our season with a bang."

The team went on to improve their placing in every single meet excluding one. Junior LeeAnn Hofferber said, "Compared to some years in the past, this year has

been a few, meaning our scoring in meets has improved." A few of the season's high-

lights were the team's third place finishes at both the Southeast Polk Invitational on Aug. 29 and the City Series on Sept. 26 and their second place finish at the Norwalk Invitational on Oct. 2.

Mann finished seventh at the District meet to earn a spot at the state meet on Oct. 28.

Running to victory—Freshman Stephanie Mann races on to a fifth place finish at the Hoover Invitational on Sept. 5.



photo by Nic Hoover

Raising a ruckus—Led by senior Sally Allan, the women's cross country team prepares for battle before the Urbandale Classic on Aug. 31.



photo by Nic Hoover

Taking a break—Junior Candy Mason rests after finishing sixth in the JV race at the Hoover Invitational on Sept. 5.

Sticking with it—With only a mile to go, freshman Cheri Reynolds stays with the pack at the Conference meet on Oct. 10 at Ewing Park.

Said & Done



senior Lela Braden



freshman Stephanie Mann

"As a team, we have improved so much this season. I enjoyed just being involved with everyone. This was the best season ever."

Set new Hoover records in eight of her first nine meets, two of which had been set since 1987. Qualified for state by finishing seventh at districts, individually won two meets, finished second once, and crossed the finish line third three times.



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Women's cross country team, front row—Mary Sullivan, Dawn Schipman, LeeAnn Hofferber, Candy Mason, Katie Musser, Kelly Nelson; second row—Branda Bass, Colleen Bergman, Destiny Schipman, Christina Patraminis, Amy McDonald, Stephanie Mann; back row—Amy Lee, Jennie Reed, Shari Ostreko, Kathi Buckley, Heather Mallette, Sally Allan, Kristi Sullivan, Lela Braden, Geneva Moore, Aime Hedrick, and Cheri Reynolds.



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the Final Score

Invitational	Placed	Invitational	Placed
SE Polk	3rd	City	3rd
Urbandale	9th	Norwalk	2nd
Hoover	7th	Ankeny	11th
Johnston	4th	Conference	6th
North	4th	District	9th
Indianola	11th		

Moving on up—Sophomore Amie Hedrick passes her competition during the Urbandale Classic on Aug. 31 at Urbandale Middle School.

Leading the pack

What do a chain and the Hoover boys' cross country team have in common? Like a chain, the team had strength from each individual member this year.

Throughout the year, four individual runners placed as the team's top runner. The team had many runners who had individual accomplishments this year. Two runners won meets. Junior Mike Ostreko won the Augustine Invitational and senior Ryan Mitchell won the City Series.

Apart from the individual accomplishments, the team also took home many team wins. The Huskies took first place at the Hoover Invitational, Karpen Invitational, City Series, Augustine Invitational and Conference. At the Augustine Invitational, the Huskies

came away with a perfect score of 15, which is rare in any sport. The perfect score meant that the Huskies captured all of the first five places at the meet.

At the District meet, the team took second place, which was good enough to earn them a trip to State for the second consecutive year. The Huskies took fifth place at State, with Ostreko placing 13th and senior Tim Schnoor placing 17th at the meet.

On the season, coach Ron Peterson said, "Going into the season, our expectations were high. We wanted to win Conference and place in the top five at State. We accomplished all of our goals this year. The season was a success."

Taking the lead

— Junior Mike

Ostreko breaks

away from the

field of runners

and takes the lead

down the straight

away.



photo by Nic Hoover

Preparing to race

— The boys' cross country team gets set for action at the City Series on Sept. 26 at Ewing Park.



photo by Nic Hoover

Finishing the race—Senior Eric Groen comes around the final corner before the straight away to finish the City Series on Sept. 26.

Running him down—Juniors Mike Ostreko and Bob Shearon chase down an opposing runner from Southeast Polk.

Said & Done



senior Tim Schnoor



junior Mike Ostreko

"Our team was really a team. We worked together every day and challenged each other. Coach Pete pushed us to a whole new level."

"I feel that we had a very successful season. We worked great together as a team and accomplished many goals, as a team and also individually."



photo by Mullica

The Boys' Cross Country Team, front row – Robert Nentl, Dave Peterson, John Audelhelm, Dan Parker, Bob Shearon, Tim Schnoor, Ryan Doughan, Alex Albright; second row – Brian Bainbridge, coach Ron Peterson, Jack Spicer; third row – Chad McVey, Ryan Mitchell, Tom Stehl, Eric Groen, Mike Ostreko.



photo by Nic Hoover

Battling it out – Seniors Tim Schnoor and Ryan Mitchell fight for the lead at the City Series on Sept. 26 at Ewing Park. Mitchell ended up winning the race.

the Final Score

Meet	Placed
Ames Invitational	2nd
Hoover Invitational	1st
Karpen Invitational	1st
Indianola Invitational	2nd
City Series	1st
Ankeny Invitational	2nd
East Invitational	1st
Conference	1st
District	2nd
State	5th

Hitting the greens

The girls' golf team finished the season with an overall conference record of 4-3 for dual meets. This was the best so far this decade, said first year coach Brian Larson.

In nine hole competitions, the Huskies averaged a 239.1, scoring the top four out of six varsity players.

"I think we could have done better, but I'm pleased with it," said junior April Taylor.

Leading the team in scoring average was sophomore Dana Swanson, posting a 44.9 average for nine, and an 84.3 for eighteen holes.

Swanson was the medalist of 11 out of the Huskies' 13 total meets, achieving the individual conference and district meet titles.

"I played pretty well and am proud of myself, but next year I hope to go further," said Swanson.

In eighteen hole competitions, the Huskies' team averaged a 491.0. The season low came at the American Conference Tournament, with the Huskies placing fourth with a 478.

"We played pretty well at the conference meet and it was fun to get out of class," said junior April Burkard.

Overall, Larson said the season was a sign of a promising future.

"We'll be back with most of the same players and will be able to compete next year," said Taylor.

Girls' Golf Team, front row - Liz Bierma, Destiny Schipman, Colleen Bergman; back row - April Burkard, Dana Swanson, and April Taylor. Not pictured - Kendra Brown.



photo by Jon Talcott

Set to swing -

Freshman Liz

Bierma prepares

her shot on the

12th hole at

Grandview during

the North Invita-

tional on April 26.

Said...



junior Colleen Bergman

"The most memorable moment of the season, for me, was when I broke my five wood in two on a tree. It was only an accident, of course."



junior Destiny Schipman

"When we had a meet at Blank I took the interstate and got lost. We got all the way to Altoona and asked for directions at a Holiday Inn. We made it, eventually!"



photo by Jon Talcott



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Lining it up - Sophomore Dana Swanson assures herself a straight put at Waveland on April 30 against Roosevelt.

Make that putt! - Coach Steve Lundholm directs his team during districts at Waveland on Oct. 3.



Lining it up - Junior Todd Strum aligns his putter for action versus Lincoln at Blank on Sept. 5.

Shooting for Par

The boys' golf team started the season with a new coach and ended the season with a new and improved record.

Former head football coach Steve Lundholm took over the coaching position this year and lead the team to its best record in over a decade with three senior team captains in Dan Newman, Billy Howe and Bryan Howe. All three were four-year lettermen.

In regular season conference dual meets the Huskies placed third, which was the best this decade. They defeated all of the teams in the conference except

Roosevelt and the conference winner, Dowling.

"Considering the pressure and the competition, we did quite well," said Lundholm. "If we would have scored the same as we did earlier in the week against Indianola, we could have defeated the state champions, Dowling."

The team averaged a 40.7 overall, which was the best they've scored this decade.

Sophomore David Buckley led the team this year in average strokes per nine and 18 holes. He finished with a 39.2 and 81.0, respectively.

"I'm happy with my results but look to improve next year," said Buckley. "This season showed great improvement over last year and hope for years to come."



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sophomore David Buckley

Done...

Led the team with a 39.9 overall average; meet medalist versus Indianola and East; runner-up at Lincoln; tied for fourth place at the Valley Classic



senior Billy Howe

Averaged a 42.2 overall; meet medalist at North with a 37; tied for third place at the City Championship with a 38; team medalist four times

Get there, ball! - Senior Billy Howe punches out of trouble during the District Meet at Waveland on Oct. 3.

the Final Score

Girls: 4-3

HHS	Opp	Placed
247 S.E. Polk	256 Valley Classic	10th
244 Indianola	245 City Meet	3rd
237 Lincoln	229 North Inv.	10th
239 East	250 Urban. Classic	4th
239 Roosevelt	203 Am. Conference	4th
233 North	252 Districts	4th
237 Dowling	198	

the Final Score

Boys: 5-2

HHS	Opp	Placed
168 East	173 Newton Inv.	17th
160 Lincoln	165 City Champ.	2nd
158 Indianola	180 Valley Classic	4th
168 Roosevelt	159 Districts	6th
167 Dowling	159 Am. Conference	3rd
164 S.E. Polk	183	
153 North	174	



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Boys' Golf Team, front row—Jamie Beard, Praveen Bannikatti, Billy Howe, Bryan Howe, Justin Griffis; second row—Curt Wheeler, Jon Talcott, James Vigon, David Buckley, Dave Newman; back row—Coach Steve Lundholm, John Miller, Derek Wilcox, Andrew Slaughterback, Dan Newman, T.J. Welton; Not pictured—Todd Strum.

Making new waves

The Marlins had 27 girls go out for the team this year, which, according to coach David Mahler, was more swimmers than there has been in the past three years.

The team was young, consisting of only seven seniors and juniors; the rest were sophomores and freshmen. The diving team had three freshmen and one sophomore, with this being the first year diving for them all. Sophomore Kacy Grimaldi said, "It was an interesting year; there were a lot of people who were swimming competitively for the first time."

The Marlins used the season to gain experience, Mahler said. The young team improved individually as the year progressed. At the start of the season, their were 33 time improvements at the S.E. Polk meet.

By the last meet against North, the Marlins ended the season with 45 individual time improvements.

Freshman

Carrie Witte said, "I improved on all four of my events — the 4x10 Free Relay, 100 Back, 200 I.M. and 200 Medley Relay. The whole team seemed to improve as the year went by and we gained more experience."

The regular season ended with a team victory over North on Oct. 17. The Marlins captured first, second and third in the Medley Relay, and outscored the Polar Bears, 115-69.

According to Malher and coach Eric Galvin, the team leaders and the older swimmers were young, "self-motivated" athletes.

Splashing ahead

—Sophomore Tara

Taylor sets a new

personal best time

in the breast stroke

at the Lincoln

meet on Sept. 17,

with a time of

1:22.73

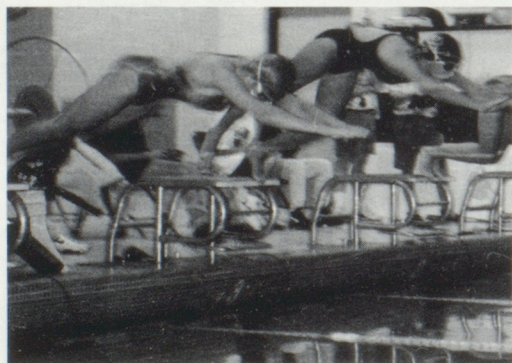


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Taking off—Senior

Caron Slater dives off the platform to begin the event at Hoover against Indianola on Oct. 10

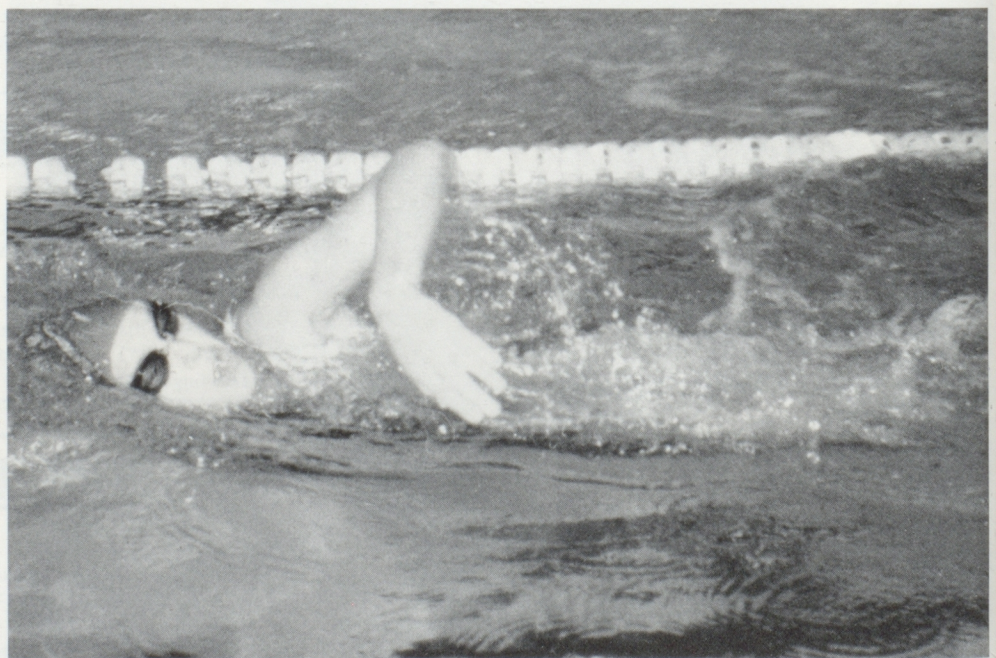


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Her own style — Sophomore Amy Petersen shows off her freestyle swimming abilities at the meet at North on Oct. 27

Practicing their technique — The Marlins prepare for the upcoming Conference meet at swim practice on Oct. 24.

Said & Done



sophomore Angela Walker



senior Caron Slater

"This was a fun season even though we didn't do too well. We all worked hard and tried our best."

"We may not win the meets, but we win by competing with each other and reaching our goals."



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The Marlins Girls' Swim Team, front row – Liz Bierma, Jennifer Howe; second row – coach Eric Galvin, Lindsay Kelly, Kacy Grimaldi, Tiffany Brown, Adia Kinnetz, Emily Audlehelm, Angela Neve, coach John Ruhland; third row – coach Dave Mahler, Melissa Christe, Kristin Gibson, Casey Chacon, April Burkard, Carrie Witte, Luran Anderson, Sommer Stokka, Angela Walker; back row – April Taylor, Katie Bierma, Tara Taylor, Laura Breecher, Tricia Van Zee, Amanda Bolte, Lyssa Dusenbery, Caron Slater, Cathy Claycomb, Amy Petersen.



photo by Kari Greenlee

Gliding along – Freshman Liz Bierma glides through the water doing the back stroke at the meet at East.

the Final Score

<u>HHS</u>		<u>Opp.</u>
53	S.E. Polk	129
75	Lincoln	108
37	Roosevelt	146
57	Dowling	130
59	Indianola	120
115	North	69



photo by Kathi Buckley

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troking to success

With a team consisting of six seniors and 15 returning varsity swimmers, the Hoover men's swimming team began the season with a promising outlook.

"(We had) excellent senior leadership, great swimming improvement from the juniors and sophomores, and an excellent freshmen class" said coach David Linder.

"Our goal was to have a better season than (last year)," Linder said, "and we did that."

Another goal, which was shared by many of the swimmers, was to make it to state individually or as a relay team.

"I was looking forward to districts all year, hoping that I could qualify for the state meet," senior Chad Murray said.

And on Feb. 10 at Valley during the District meet he did, along with senior Jeff Bash, juniors Alex Albright, Scott Johnson, and Ryan Kramer, and freshman Kevin Kozitza.

One highlight besides sending swimmers to state was, according to the majority of the team, their vic-

tory over Roosevelt on Jan. 4 at Roosevelt. "The rivalry has been going on since both schools were built," junior Ryan Kramer. "The closest we've been to beating them was my freshman year when we lost by only 7 points."

Overall, "(this season) was a great season!", Linder said. "(During) the second half of the season we showed great improvement, desire, and willingness to learn."

Diving in—Jun-

ior Alex Albright

leaves the start-

ing block during

the men's 500

freestyle at the

district meet on

Feb 10 at Valley

High School.

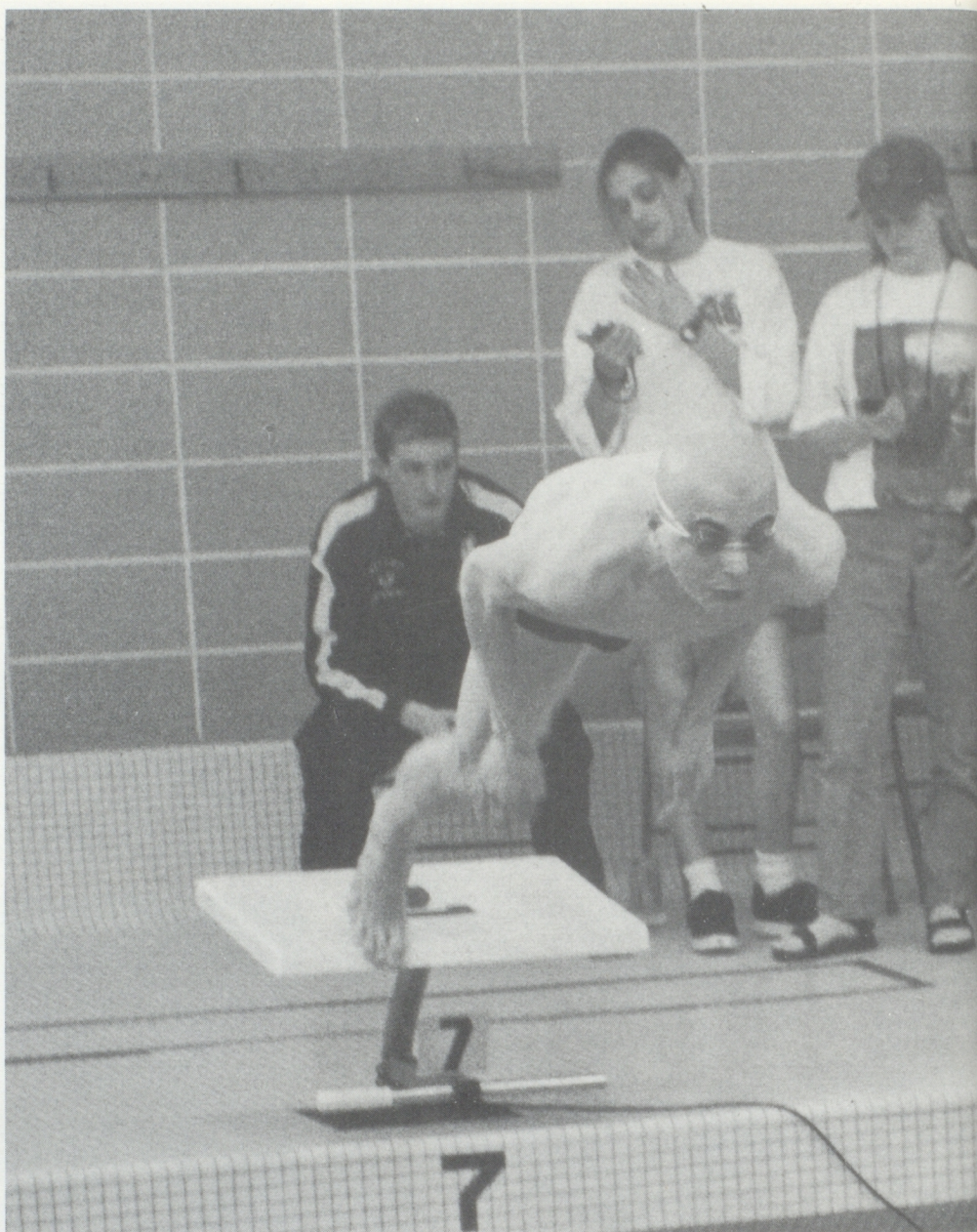


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Job well done—

Junior Alex Albright is congratulated by coach David Linder following his race at the district meet on Feb. 10 at Valley High School.

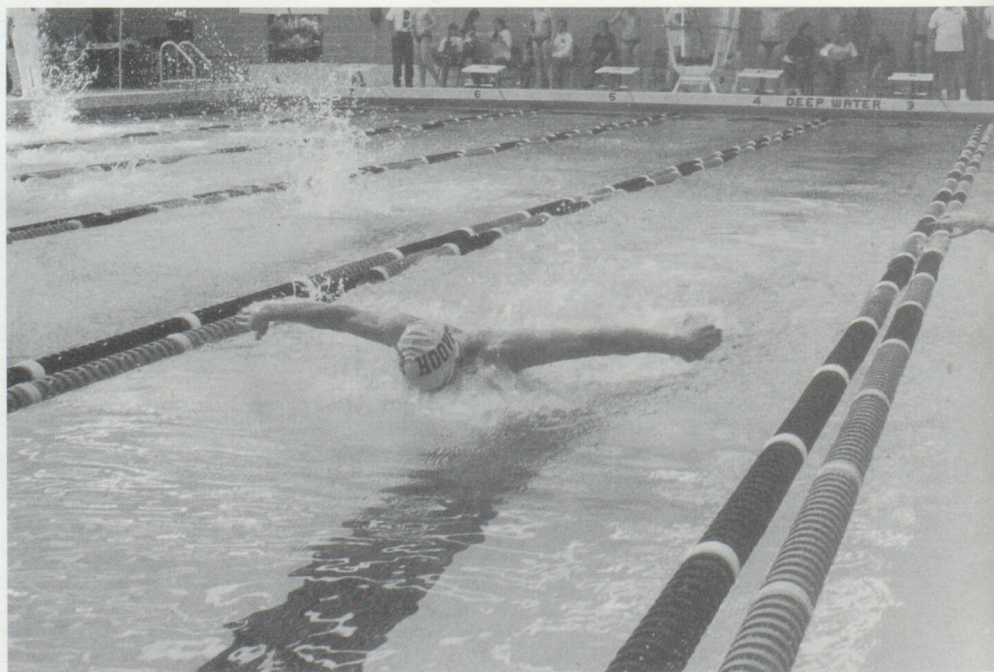


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Spreading his wings—Senior Jeff Bash competes during the 100 butterfly at the district meet on Feb. 10 at Valley High School.

Nice form—Senior Jeff Bash and junior Tim Rech wait for their teammate to touch the wall during their relay race against Lincoln on Jan. 31 at Hoover.

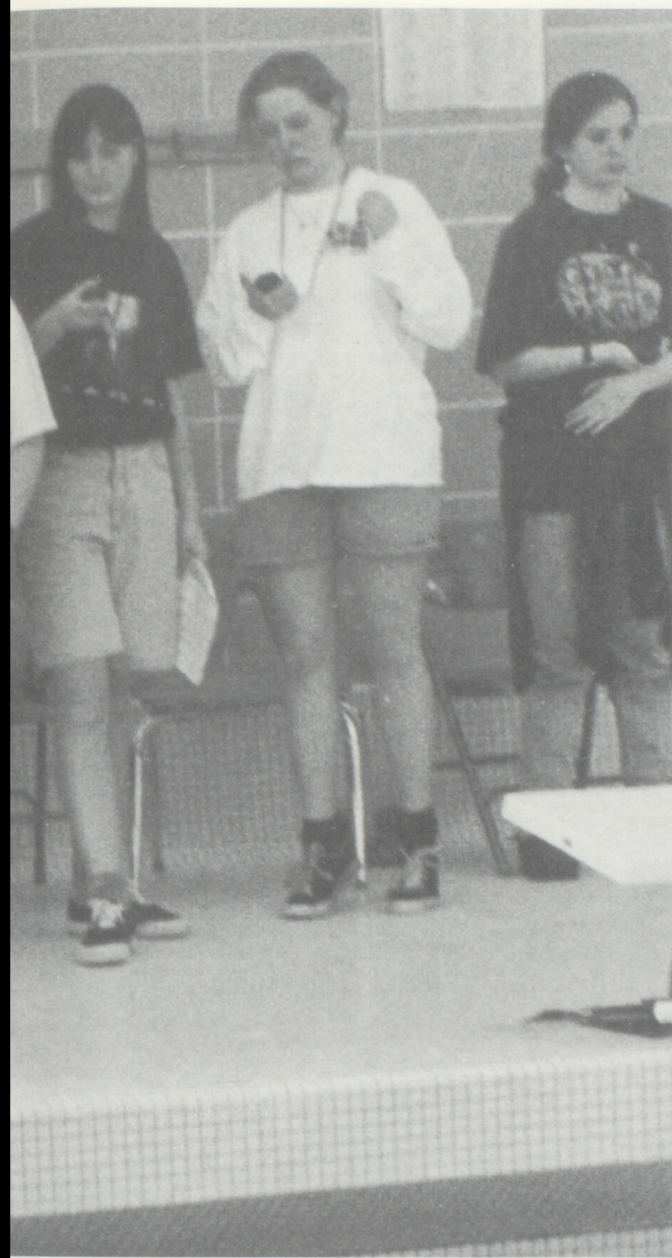


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Said & Done



Senior Jeff Bash



Junior Ryan Kramer

named co-captain of team, lead team in points, "He showed great leadership and was an all around swimmer," coach David Linder said. Qualified for the state meet. Awarded Bob Lenc Award. Team's high point scorer.

"This season was great. The highlights were sending swimmers to state and of course, our defeat of Roosevelt."



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Men's swimming team, front row—managers Caron Slater, Laura Breeher, Lauran Anderson, Sarah Anderson, Tricia Van Zee; second row—Mark Dante, Jeremy Dingman, Andy Ginn, Spencer Mc Ginnis, Corey McVey, Jerome Miller, Ben Talcott; third row—Brandon Camus, Brian Heiden, Tim Rech, Kevin Kozitza, Jeff Bash, John Monroe, Jim Reagh, Jason Cowden; fourth row—Brad Kreinbring, Tom Briggs, Tim Nehmer, Greg Miller, Eric Mitchell, Mikel Morris, Chris Stelzer; fifth row—Colin Johnson, Bryce Jones, James Grimaldi, Michael Mefferd, Dan Connett, Chad McVey; sixth row—Skott Lorenzen, Ryan Kramer, Scott Johnson, Chad Murray, David Nadler, Alex Albright; back row—coach David Linder, coach Tim Brown, and coach Randy Hansen.

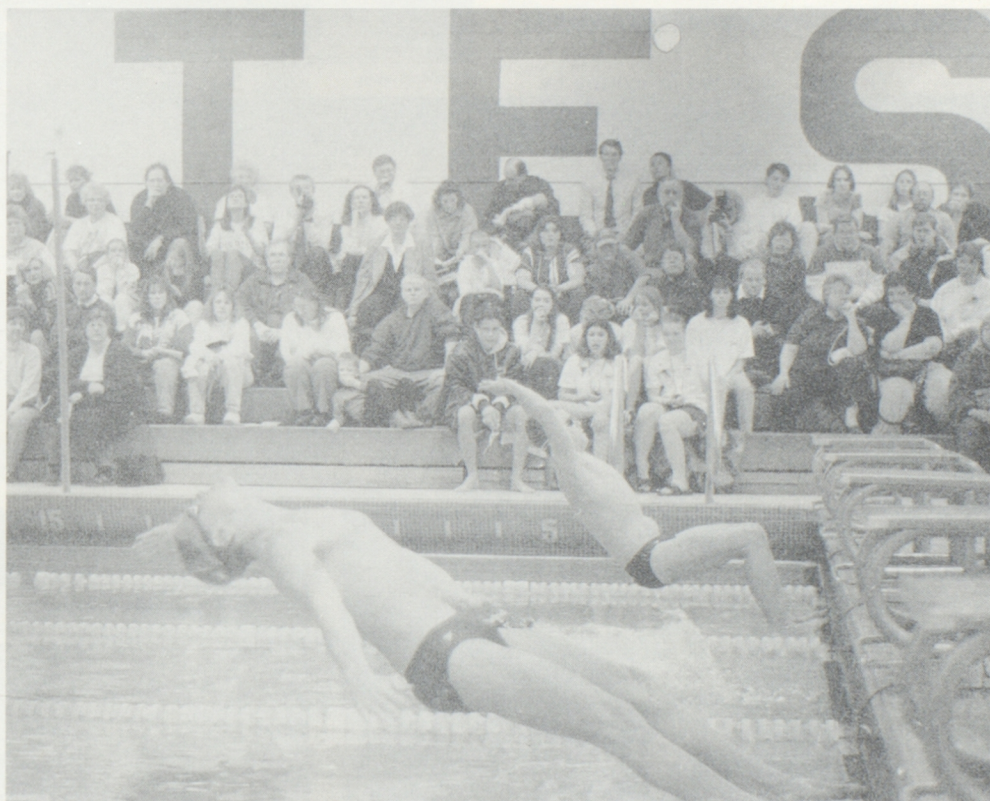


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the Final Score

HHS		Opp.
135	North	35
54	SE Polk	116
92	Roosevelt	78
67	Dowling	106
130	East	40
122	Lincoln	48
120	Indianola	44
		<u>Placed</u>
73	Ames	6th
110	Ft. Dodge	6th
144	Valley	4th

Iowa Final Power Ranking 19th

Letting go—Senior Chad Murray and junior Michael Mefferd dive backward into the pool during their meet against SE Polk on Dec. 14 at Hoover.

Hoop it up

Without a starter returning from a year ago, the 1996 Varsity girls' basketball team still managed to double their number of conference wins from two to four. They also won one more game and cut their defensive average from 61 points a game down to 51 points a game.

Coach Rod Hoegh said, "Our team strengths were our defense. We held a lot of the conference's top players below their average. This team also had a never give-up attitude."

The girls' were led in scoring by sophomore Maggie Beavers at 10 points per game. "Maggie was awesome at times," said Hoegh. "Her improvement from a year ago was remarkable."

The team was lead in rebounding and field goal percentage by Amy Peterson.

When asked about the season Hoegh said, "I did not expect the underclassmen to play such a major role. We had six sophomores make major contributions to our team, Tara Taylor also had several outstanding games, Sarah Hinchliff, Katie Gross, and Anne Lawrie played significant roles during the season, and will be keys to the future."

Senior Ayesha Abdullah summed the season by saying, "I thought we had a respectable year. I think the program will progress over the years. Overall, we had worked hard and had a good year."

Driving the Lane- Senior Ayesha Abdullah takes the ball to the basket on Feb. 9, against eventual state champion Dowling.



photo by Kathy Buckley

From the line- Junior Magan Harris shoots a free-throw against Indianola



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Toeing the line- Senior Diondra Tate shoots a free-throw on November 28, at Ankeny. Tate was the team leader in scoring, rebounding, blocked shots, before having her season cut short due to academic difficulty.

Shooting the rock- Sophomore Anne Lawrie shoots a jumper over an Dowling defender on February 9.



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Said & Done



sophomore Maggie Beavers

"Maggie was awesome at times. Her improvement from a season ago is remarkable and came about through lots of hard work in the off season," Coach Rod Hoegh.



sophomore Amy Petersen

Led the team in field goal percentage, and rebounding. Honorable mention all-conference. "Amy worked very hard in the off season, and will undoubtedly continue to get better because she works so hard," Coach Rod Hoegh



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Varsity Girls Basketball team, front Row- Jodi Helton, Ayesha Abdullah, Tiffany Walker, Katie Gross, Shayla Haynes, **second row-** Maggie Beavers, Tara Taylor, Ann Lawrie, LaNiece Scott, **third row-** Michelle Metschke, Diondra Tate, Sarah Hinchcliff, Amy Peterson

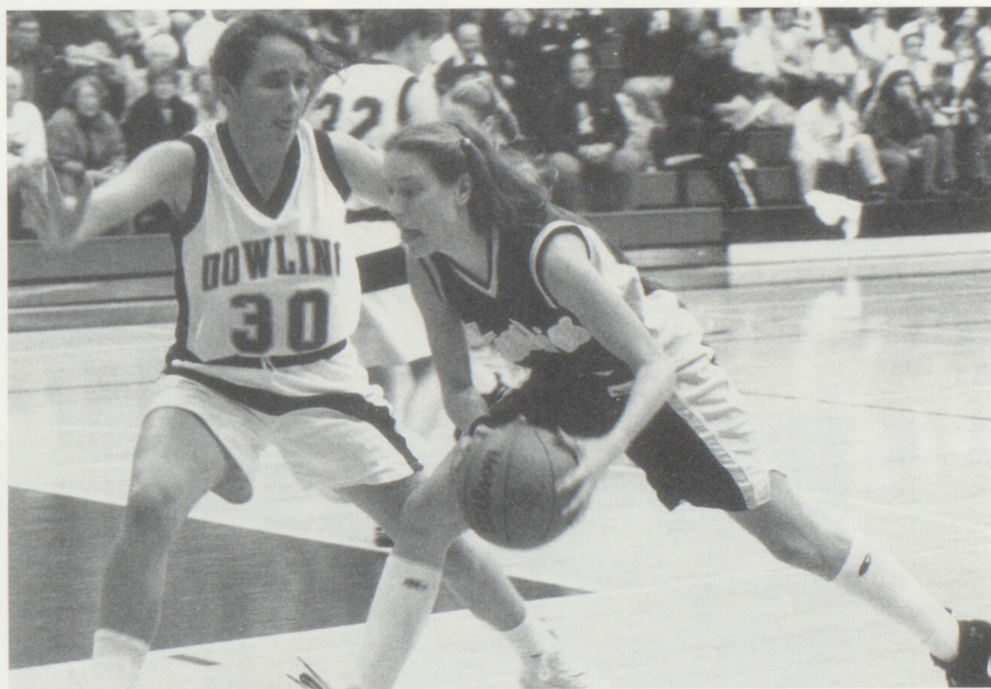


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Looking to pass - Sophomore Amy Petersen looks for a teammate against Dowling on February 9.

the *Final Score*

<u>HHS</u>		<u>Opp</u>	<u>HHS</u>		<u>Opp.</u>
36	Osceola	56	49	East	43
53	Norwalk	35	45	Dowling	61
38	Ankeny	62	50	North	36
56	North	23	55	Lincoln	80
32	Lincoln	71	39	Roosevelt	53
22	Roosevelt	36	26	S.E. Polk	41
52	Fort Dodge	52	53	Indianola	62
72	Urbandale	72	46	East	47
37	Norwalk	38	35	Dowling	77
45	S.E. Polk	33	28	Dowling	42
53	Indianola	64			

Starting all over

The varsity basketball team was full of new and vibrant young players this year. The team started the games with four sophomores and just one player over 5'11. Coach Bobby Sandquist said, "It was one of their biggest obstacles for the season."

Sandquist said the team set a lot of challenging goals for themselves this season. Some of them were: to be the hardest playing and smartest playing team in the league, repeat as league champions, go to the state tournament, and be the team that nobody wants to play. At midseason they added the goal to finish in the upper division in the Conference fourth or higher, which the team accomplished by finishing fourth in the Conference. The Huskies also made it to Districts but ended up losing in the first round to Dowling.

By working hard the Huskies accomplished many things. One of the most memorable games in coach Sandquist's opinion was beating Dowling for their first conference game by 28 points. Sandquist said, "I was extremely proud of our team; Dowling was heavily favored and we beat them in a big way!" Another sweet victory for Sandquist was, "The revenge on Indianola ,67-52, after losing 40-84.

Sandquist said he doesn't like to single people out as far as giving credit for the team. He is a true believer that it takes a 'team effort'. Sandquist said, "We emphasize 'the team' and don't single anyone out as the M.V.P.; it takes 15 guys to form a team and all are important!" He also added that the team improved as a whole this year; "nearly everyone has made some nice strides to improve."



photo by LeeAnn Hofferber

Up and over-

Sophomore T.J.

Welton jumps over

the Dowling de-

fense and goes for

the shot on Feb. 9 at

Dowling. The Hus-

kies beat the Ma-

rooms 66 - 38.



photo by LeeAnn Hofferber

Let's get fired

up! - The guy's

stand up and

cheer on their

team at one of the

many intense bas-

kethball games.

Go for it! – Senior Dan Newman breaks through the Dowling defense to make a lay-up on Feb. 9 at Dowling.

Make that shot – Sophomore T.J. Welton attempts to score against Dowling, while four Maroon defenders try to stop him.

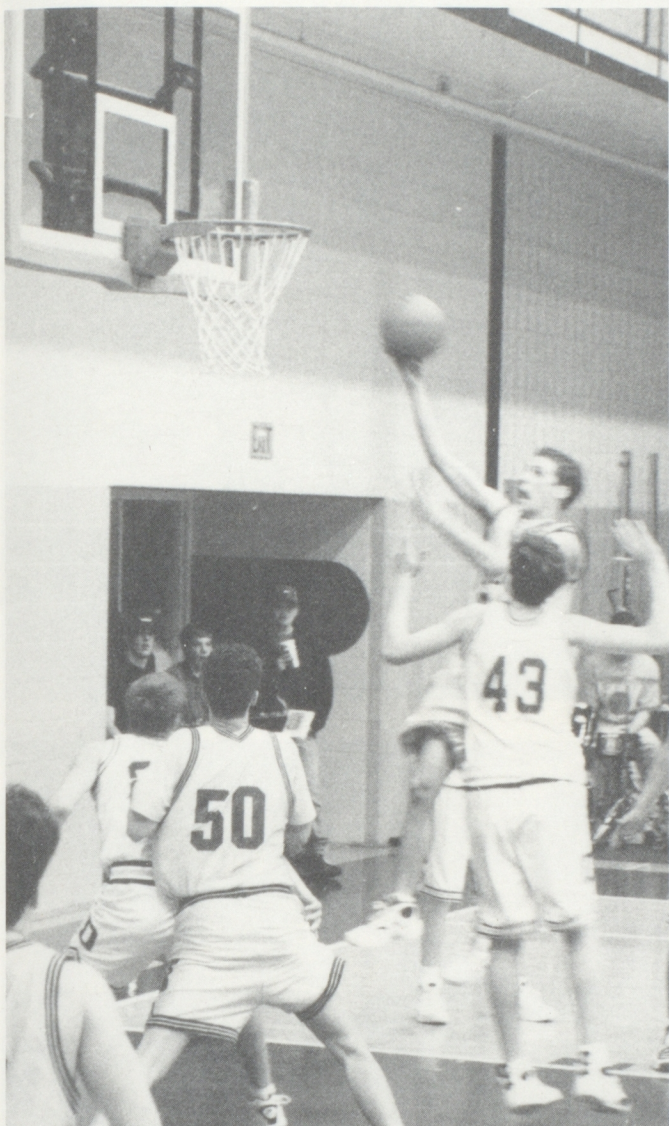


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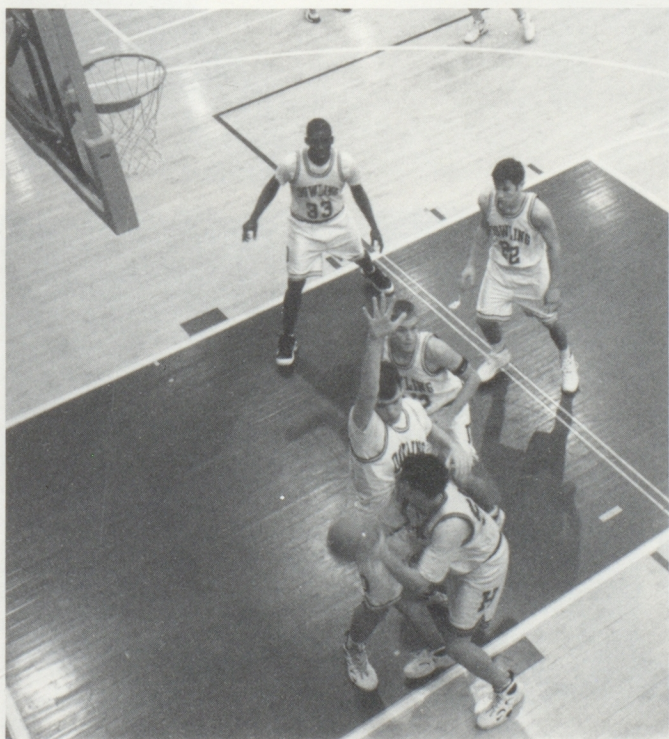


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Said & Done



sophomore David Newman

Unanimously made the First Team All-Conference. He was a two year starter who led the team and league in scoring with a 19.8 scoring average. He also led the team in assists.



sophomore David Rude

Made Second Team All-Conference. He broke the single season Hoover record for made 3 pointers with 59 (was 48 by Bryan Martin) and the single season 3 point shooting percentage record. He also set a new conference record by making 9 3-pointers in a single game against S.E. Polk.



senior Billy Howe

Was this year's team captain and was best known for his all-out hustling play and competitive attitude. "Definitely one of the best competitors at Hoover High School," said coach Sanquist. Howe also made Honorable Mention All-Conference.



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Varsity Boys' Basketball, front row – manager Jasmin Hodzic, Mike Kelly, David Rude, David Newman, Brian Foster, Billy Howe, Shaneque Young, Ryan Doughan, Brian Bainbridge, manager Jason Stetson; back row – coach Pat Lawler, head coach Bobby Sandquist, Derek Wilcox, Nic Hoover, Charles Baumert, T. J. Welton, Tim Coughenower, Keith Small, Aaron Lewis, coach Bob Larson, coach Don Skinner.

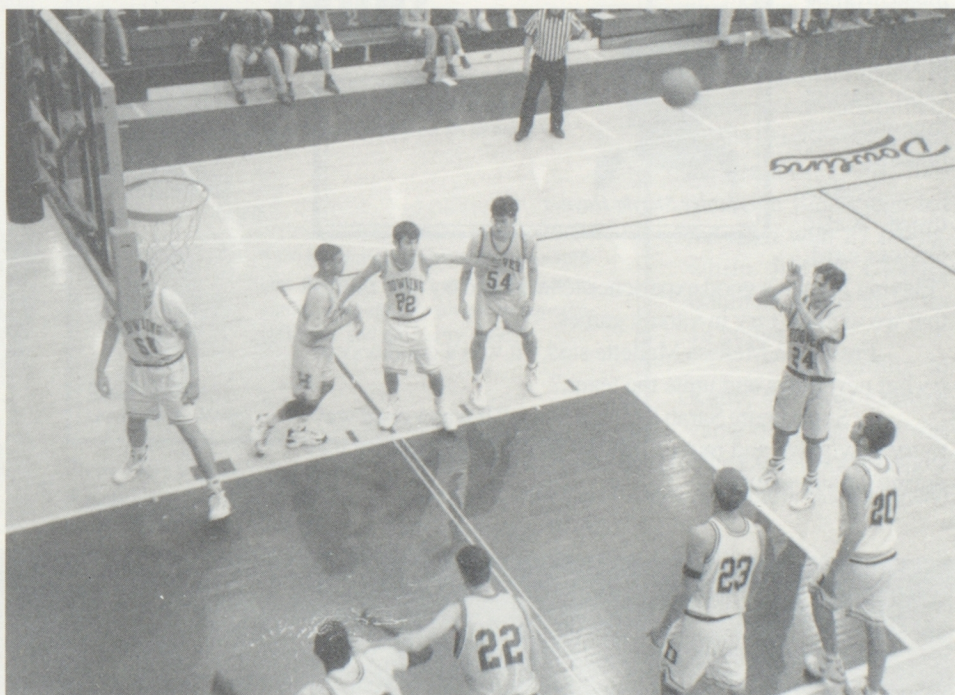


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He shoots... – Sophomore David Newman steps to the line and attempts to sink a free throw after being fouled at Dowling on Feb. 9.

the Final Score

9-10

HHS	Opp.	HHS	Opp.
60	Ankeny	78	Lincoln
68	Ottumwa	52	Roosevelt
78	Fort Dodge	85	Indianola
47	Urbandale	51	East
47	S.E. Polk	48	S.E. Polk
40	Indianola	84	Johnston
56	East	59	Dowling
42	Roosevelt	54	North
66	Dowling	38	Lincoln
78	North	60	

Hoopin' on down

Guarding the
pass – Junior
Magan Harris
guards the ball at
a game against
an opponent.

"There was no JV girls' basketball team per se," said Rod Hoegh, head girls' basketball coach. Players from every grade level, from freshmen to seniors, played in the JV games. Most of the players were varsity players. Hoegh said the games were used mostly for the varsity players to have some extra playing time and more practice.

Sophomore Katie Gross said, "Playing JV was a good experience to learn and try new things that we wouldn't try in varsity games."

Freshman Melissa Mallette said, "It was a good way to try out new plays and unite the team."

Sophomore Sarah Hinchliff said, "It was a good way to try new plays and moves that we couldn't necessarily use during varsity games."

Said...



senior Michelle Metschke

"Playing on JV was fun and allowed extra playing time to gain experience."



junior Shayla Haynes

"It was like a practice session for varsity players."



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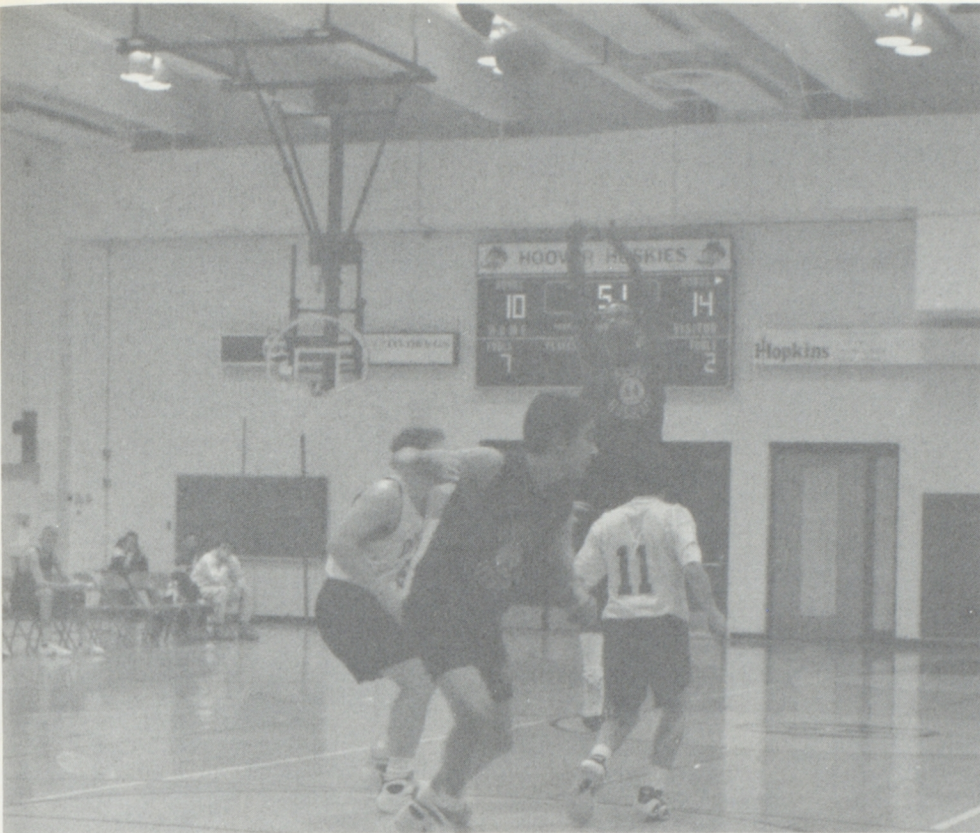
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Looking to score – Sophomore Jodi Helton goes for the shot at home.

Time out – The team huddles for a pep talk.



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Shootin' to score—Aaron Lewis shoots a three pointer at a game against Dowling.

Shooting some hoops

Every Monday night at 7:00 from Dec. 11 to Feb. 19 the JV boys basketball team got out on the floor and shot some hoops.

According to Pat Lawler, the coach of the JV boys basketball team, the JV boys weren't quite as motivated as the varsity team when they started the season.

The Huskies got off to a slow start with a loss in their first game of the season against Roosevelt, 58-45. In the Jan.

15 game against Indianola, the Huskies started to pick up the pace, with senior Mike Kelly leading the pack, scoring 21 points.

When Hoover met East for the second time on Feb. 5, The Huskies out scored the Scarlets, 79-46. Junior Brian Bainbridge led the team with 27 points, while junior Charlie Baumert added an extra 13 points.

According to Kelly, the most exciting game of the season was

against Dowling on Feb. 12. The game went into three overtimes, with the Huskies eventually pulling ahead and winning, 64-60.

The Huskies ended the year with an overall record of 7-3. Summing up the season, Lawler said that the players played hard and learned how to play as a team. He added that many found out what it takes to play on the varsity team next year.

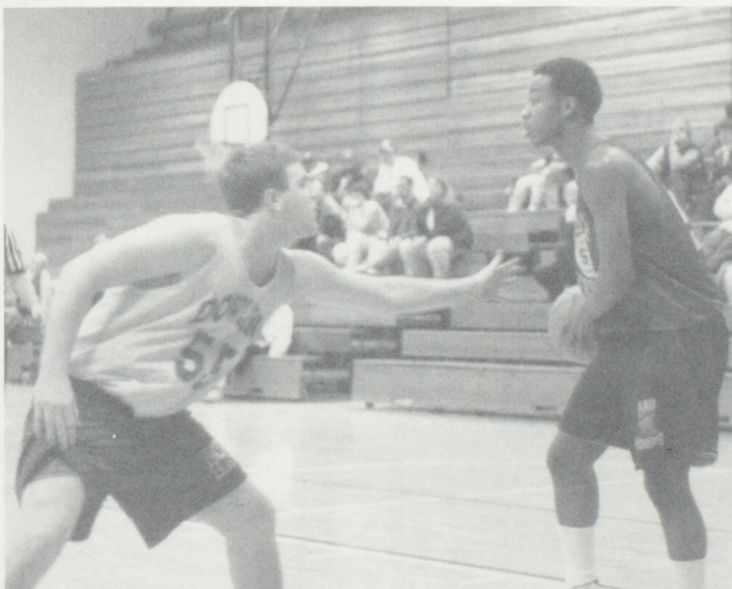


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Done...



junior Aaron Lewis

"It was fun and it gave other players confidence to play on an upper level."



senior Mike Kelly

"JV was fun and gave some guys minutes that they didn't get on the varsity games. I thought we played pretty competitively and did pretty good."

Playin' keep away—Junior Aaron Lewis looks to pass the ball during a game against Dowling.



photo by Nikki Johnson

Planning to win — Charlie Baumert, Tim Coughenower, and Derek Wilcox review the game plan.

Looking to shoot—Junior Brian Bainbridge looks to shoot at a game against Dowling.

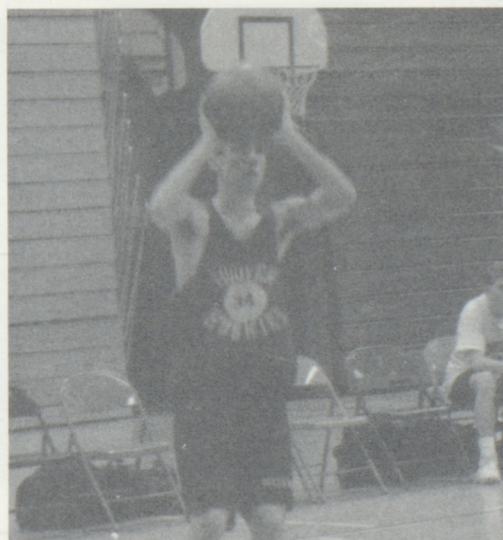


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the Final Score

7-3

HHS	Opp.	HHS	Opp.
48	Roosevelt	58	Lincoln
64	SE Polk	72	Johnston
58	Johnston	34	East
82	East	44	Dowling
74	Dowling	64	Indianola

Filling the gaps

The sophomore girls' team, depleted of many of its teammates from varsity play, still posted a final record of 9-10, overall.

"Many, if not all, of our sophomores provided the varsity squad with the majority of its players this year," said coach Don Hatcher. "A lot of freshmen stepped up and did a great job," he said.

The team was led this year, according to Hatcher, by sophomores Maggie Beavers, Katie Gross, Tara Taylor and Amy Petersen. All four played more than a handful of varsity minutes mostly on the same days as their sophomore games.

"We really had to watch how many quarters each player played because of the five quarter limit per day. Many of our players would utilize every last minute of those five quarters. You can imagine how hard they worked," said Hatcher.

"The varsity players had to reserve their playing time, but we managed alright, I think," Gross said.

"We struggled with our team's unity with all the lineup changes and all," added Sarah Hinchcliff, "but overall the year was far from disappointing."

Varsity/Sophomore girls' basketball team, front row - Jodi Helton, Ayesha Abdullah, Tiffany Walker, Katie Gross, Shayla Haynes; second row - Maggie Beavers, Tara Taylor, Anne Lawrie, LaNiece Scott; back row - Michelle Metschke, Diondra Tate, Sarah Hinchcliff, and Amy Petersen.



photo by Mullica

Said...



sophomore Katie Gross

"The season started off a little rocky without some sophomores playing the full games, but the team came together for a successful season."



sophomore Sarah Hinchcliff

"We really pulled together even though we were separated. It was a great group of girls and we were really close."

Up and Over -
Sophomore Amy Petersen shoots over a Lincoln opponent at Hoover on Jan. 19.



photo by Kathi Buckley



photo by Jon Talcott

Get the ball - Sophomores Anne Lawrie and Sarah Hinchcliff look for the rebound against Ankeny.

Giving the fake - Freshman Anita Halfwassen fakes out her Roosevelt opponent at Hoover on Jan. 20

Eyeing the hoop – Freshman Molly Gross confirms her aim for a free throw against Lincoln at home on Jan. 18.

Starting fresh

The freshmen girls capped off the season with a win at home versus S.E. Polk, allowing the "A" team to finish with an overall record of 10-6. The "B" team posted a final record of 12-4.

Coach Stacy Winterroth said that it was a successful season, with both teams giving a full effort in every game.

Jenny Baumert said that three-pointers for the season were few, but enhanced the team's chances of winning.

"The victories usually came with the 'threes'," said Baumert. "Those and our fire-up parties really helped us a lot."

Traci Skinner was one of the team's point-guards this season. She agreed that the team put forth a great effort for each game.

"We really worked hard and well as a team to improve every single game," said Skinner.

"Overall," said Stephanie Mann, "the season was a success because the team chemistry

was good and a lot of us got experience on the sophomore squad."

photo by Kathi Buckley

Done...

Led the team in scoring; played considerable minutes on the sophomore squad and sat varsity.



freshman Stephanie Mann



freshman Traci Skinner

Played point guard throughout the year; achieved a 3:1 assist-to-turnover ratio; nailed a 'three.'

From the wrist – Freshman Katie Meimann takes the shot against Lincoln on Jan. 18.

photo by Kathi Buckley

the Final Score

sophs

HHS	Opp	HHS	Opp
42	Ankeny	45	50
38	Roosevelt	40	33
47	Ft. Dodge	44	23
38	Urbandale	27	51
36	S.E. Polk	51	50
36	Indianola	48	40
47	East	42	31
24	Dowling	49	65
44	North	28	38
			Lincoln
			54

the Final Score

frosh

HHS	Opp	HHS	Opp
42	North	37	42
34	Lincoln	40	25
41	Urb. Tourn.	53	33
54	S.E. Polk	41	56
31	Roosevelt	42	56
45	Indianola	36	42
56	East	41	58
29	Dowling	45	34
			Dowling
			46



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Freshmen Girls' Basketball Team, front row – Molly Gross, Anita Halfwassen, Christi Meade, Traci Skinner; second row – Stephanie Mann, Melissa Mallette, Jenny Baumert, Courtney Thompson; back row – Tiffany Burford, Tierra Kaiser, Katie Meimann.

photo by Nikki Johnson

Giving their all

With five sophomores playing for the varsity team this year and starting point guard, David Buckley, out for six weeks with a broken wrist during the season, the sophomore basketball team still squeaked out a 7-11 record. Andrew Maahs took the lead with his 15 points per game scoring average.

"It was a tough season," said Maahs. "Our starting lineup was different almost every game and we had some disappointing losses."

Coach Haywood Boston agreed that the team was lacking in unification.

"The team's unity wasn't so great with the five missing sophomores on varsity," said Boston. "But you can't practice that sort of thing."

Boston also said that the team's main goal of the season wasn't to win conference, but to have all the players play their best, give 100%, and be good students.

"We were a little disappointed in the wins versus losses category, but we progressed throughout the season," said Nick Miller.

Buckley returned late in the season after his wrist injury healed. "Coming off my injury, I started slowly," said Buckley, "but the team and I came together in the end to finish well."

Sophomore Boys' Basketball Team

front row - Duriel Browne, Rex Tredway, Adam Emerson, Curtis Wheeler, Jemon Spivey; back row - James Vigon, Matthew Woods,

coach Haywood Boston, Andrew Maahs, and Isaac Emerson. Not pictured - David Buckley, Tuffy Jackson, Nick Miller.



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Fast breaking-

Sophomore An-

drew Maahs

scrambles for the

ball en route to a

fast break at home

versus North on

Feb. 16.

Said...



sophomore Andrew Maahs

"We were a little depleted to start the season without most of our sophomores, but we pulled it together and achieved our goals."



sophomore Isaac Emerson

"The season went well. Even though our squad was small we played really big and got the job done."



photo by LeeAnn Hofferber



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Shaking them off - Sophomore Tuffy Jackson puts the moves on his North opponents at home on Feb. 16

Driving to the hole - Freshman Justin Reese drives in for two against Lincoln on Dec. 12 at home.

Fading away— Freshman Greg Danielson adds touch to a jumper at Roosevelt on Jan. 20.

Winning the conferences

The freshmen boys' basketball team was composed of effective rebounding and tenacious defense. Both of these aspects earned the "A" and "B" team each a conference crown with overall records of 11-5 and 14-1, respectively. Two of the "A" team's losses came from non-conference rival Urbandale.

Coach Brian Larson said he felt that the season was a success because of the team's closeness as a group.

"The team chemistry was excellent," said Larson, "and each member contributed something to the whole to accomplish our season goal of winning the conference."

Hoover out-rebounded their opponents this year, 508-380, with Greg Danielson leading the way averaging 10.4 rebounds per game. Danielson also led the team in scoring average with 17.5 a game.

Defense was another component of the Huskies' attack. Jason Karaidos led the team with 3.7 steals a game. Tony Quinn was second, thieving 2.3 a game.

"The steals that we got really sparked our transition game," said Karaidos.

"The season was a great success," said Alex Groen. "It doesn't get any better than having, not one, but both teams win conference."

Done...

17.5 ppg; 55 percent field goals; 156 rebounds; 10.4 rbnds/game; 1.6 steals/game; .9 assists/game



freshman Greg Danielson

9.0 ppg; 45 percent field goals; 8.3 rbnds/game; 124 rebounds; 3.7 steals; 3.4 assists/game; 2 charges taken



freshman Jason Karaidos

Tossing it in— Freshman Derek Johnson tosses up a freethrow against Lincoln at home on Dec. 7.

the Final Score

sophs

HHS	Opp	HHS	Opp.
61 Ankeny	62 54	Lincoln	58
53 Roosevelt	69 55	Roosevelt	62
45 Ft. Dodge	65 59	S.E. Polk	54
61 Urbandale	42 53	Indianola	60
68 S.E. Polk	61 56	East	49
63 Indianola	58 53	Johnston	50
74 East	65 60	Dowling	62
42 Dowling	72 64	North	56
47 North	82 53	Lincoln	61

the Final Score

frosh

HHS	Opp.	HHS	Opp.
69 North	50 73	North	50
41 Lincoln	70 49	Urbandale	54
2nd Urb. Tourn.	- 54	Lincoln	51
59 S.E. Polk	54 64	Roosevelt	41
33 Roosevelt	35 64	S.E. Polk	35
59 Indianola	40 2	Indianola	0
80 East	43 58	East	25
68 Dowling	64 48	Dowling	52



photo by Mullica

Freshmen Boys' Basketball Team, front row — Justin Reese, Alex Groen, Brad Gibson, Andrew Palmer, Jamal Jefferson; second row — James Smith, Jack Spicer, Chris Fenrick, Jason Karaidos, Robert Hammil, J.D. Sharp, Patrick McCarthy, Tony Quinn; back row — manager Amy Hedrick, coach Scott Noah, Steve Schnoor, Jamal Lamar, Greg Danielson, Derek Johnson, John Kelly, coach Brian Larson.

Sweating it off

The wrestling team increased in size and numbers this year. There were seven returning letter winners. Returning coach Tam Ho said the team was led by senior Joe Lamb, junior Mike Amos, and sophomore Justin Song. The team was joined late in the season by heavyweight Dave Juskelis and 103 pounder Cardel James to help fill some spots. Juskelis said, "I wanted to go out and learn as much as I could and also stay in shape for football."

Even though the season ended with an 0-12 record, the season went well according to Ho. "We got more people to come out for the wrestling team this year. We had more wins, takedowns, reversals, and pins than the year before, and we're getting better."

Two old school records were broken this year: the number of takedowns and the nine second pin. Throughout the season there was a close race between Lamb and Song for the takedown record. Lamb broke the record for Hoover with 221 takedowns, beating Song by five. Lamb also broke the nine second pin record by pinning one of his opponents in eight seconds.

Lamb said, "One personal goal of mine was to leave a mark. I wanted to set some new records this year and I did."

The J.V. team was led this year by junior Chris Davis and freshmen Eric Nichols and Brandon Bracelin. J.V. coach Rick Hammen said, "It was a good teaching experience for the guys. It gave them the chance to get some practice before moving up to varsity."

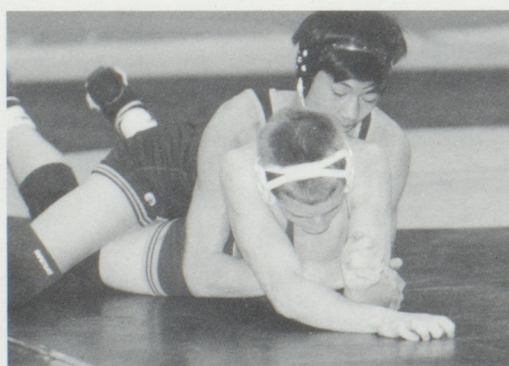


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Moving out-

Sophomore Nate Ferguson tries to move out from under his Lincoln opponent here at Hoover on Jan 11.

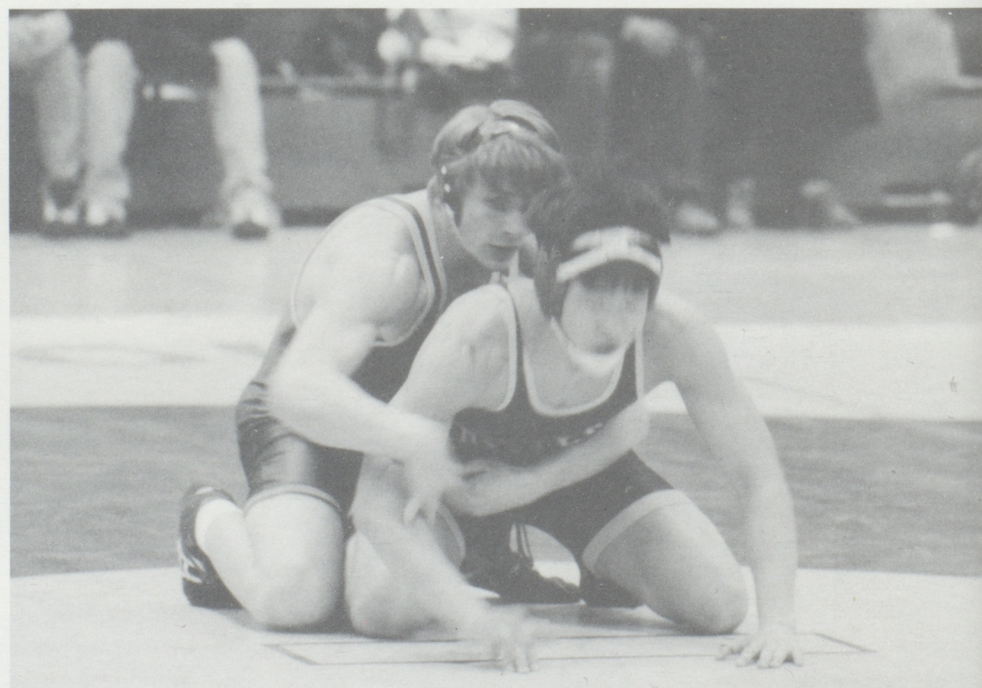
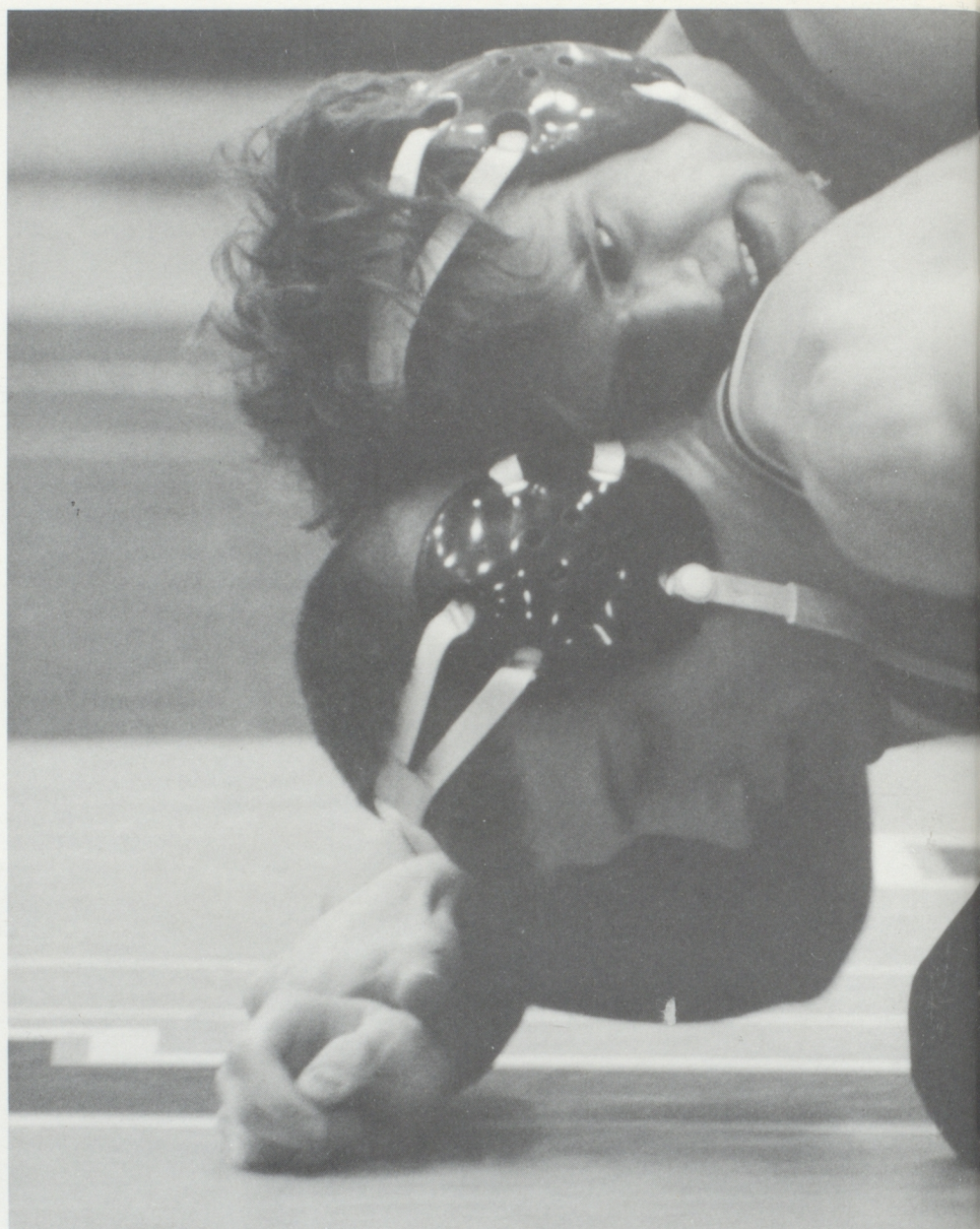


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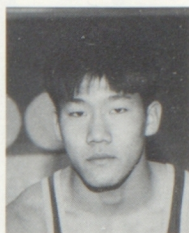
At the whistle - Sophomore Justin Song moves for the reversal on Feb. 1 against Indianola.

Take down - Junior Mike Amos goes head to head trying to take down an Indianola wrestler on Feb. 1 at a home meet.

Said

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Done



sophomore Justin Song

"The team worked well together this year and we had a great team; but in order for us to win more meets we need more experience."



senior Joe Lamb

Three time letter winner; Team captain; Broke the records for the most takedowns and for quick pin; Overall record of 23-6, with eight pins.



photo by Mullica

Wrestling Team. front row – wrestling cheerleaders Sally Allan, Heather Taff, Holly Feickert, Dena Shoemaker, Theresa Hedrick, Marci Simonini; second row – Eric Nichols, Aaron Murray, Brandon Vaughn, Nate Ferguson, David Hoye, Marc Stites, Jeff Wheeler, Michael Murphy, Ben Minnis, Brandon Bracelin, John Soike; back row – manager Loan Pham, coach Jerry Gay, Xuan Nguyen, Justin Song, Aaron Lumley, Kelly Christopher, Jeff Hopp, Chris Davis, Joe Lamb, Rob Clark, Mike Amos, coach Tam Ho, manager Elizabeth Lind. Not pictured – Tom Bennett, Phil Finn, Cardell James, David Juskelis, Dan Parker, Jon Lutz.

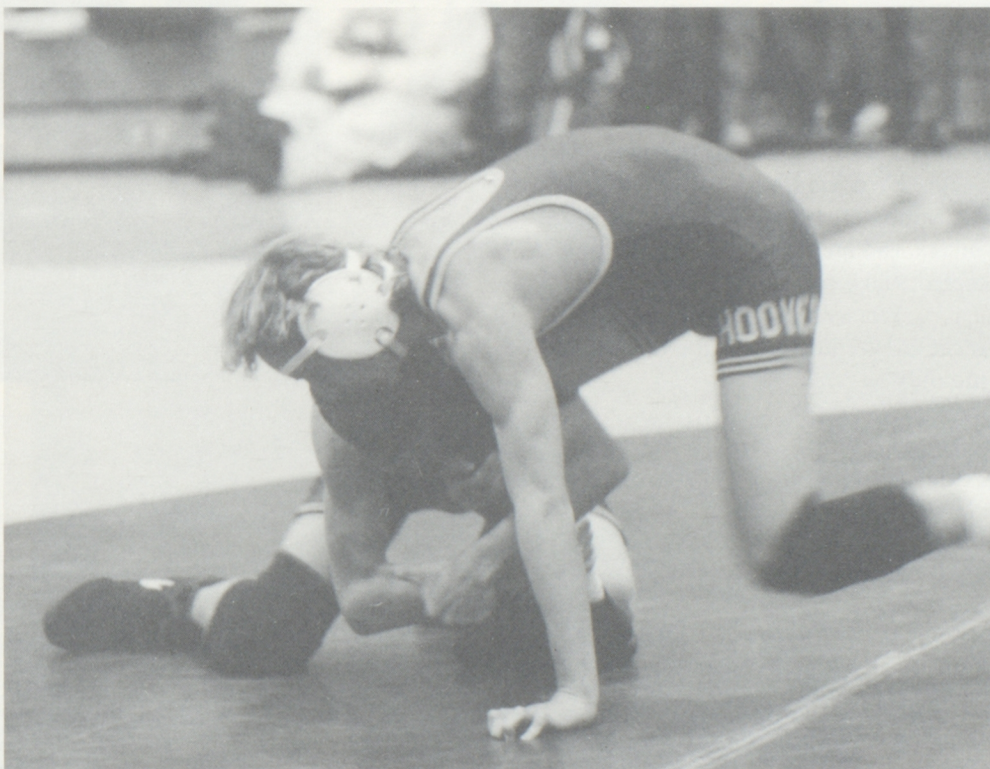


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Making an escape – Freshman Marc Stites tries to escape from his Indianola opponent on Feb. 1, at Hoover.

the Final Score

HHS	Opp.	HHS	Opp.
4	Urbandale	68	13 Dowling
17	Johnston	58	9 East
24	North	43	9 Indianola
1	S.E. Polk	68	6 Ames
18	Roosevelt	53	15 Boone
16	Lincoln	54	16 Newton
			48

Breaking the tape

The gun sounded and the race for State began, members of the girls' track team looked around and saw many new faces. This year's team had 27 underclassmen, 17 freshmen, and 10 sophomores.

Out of the starting blocks the team had to overcome a major hurdle, lack of experience.

"Because we had such young runners, our team goals were to run hard and gain experience," said coach Robert Jankovitz.

Running down the straightaway the team continued to make strides. Second place finishes at the City Series, and Fillies Invitational, at Dallas-Center Grimes. Third Place finishes at the Lee Township Invitational, and at the Carlisle Invitational.

"We had a very young team this year, with a lot of talent. These girls are hard workers, and are going to surprise a lot of people," said senior Kristi Sullivan.

When the Huskies crossed the finish line and the dust cleared, the girls' found out they

were going to send three relay teams on to the state meet on May 17 and 18, at Drake. The qualifying relays included, the distance medley relay team of sophomores Tara Taylor, Maggie Beavers, and freshmen, Stephanie Mann, and Tonya Halstead. The 4X200 relay team of Beavers, Taylor, Mann, and Freshman Cristy Meade, and the 4X400 relay team of Beavers, Taylor, Mann, and sophomore Tiffany Oakley, also qualified for the State meet.



photo by LeeAnn Hofferber

Leading the pack – Sophomore Maggie Beavers dashes towards the finish line at Hutchens just ahead of the Roosevelt runner.



Out of the block

– Senior Tiffany

Walker leads off a

relay at Williams

stadium.



photo by LeeAnn Hofferber

Passing the baton – Sophomore Tiffany Oakley passes the baton off to sophomore Maggie Beavers.

Crossing the line – Freshman Cristy Meade finishes ahead of the competition at Hutchens Stadium.



photo by Mandy Israel



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freshman Stephanie Mann



sophomore Tara Taylor

"We had a great season this year and next season could be just as good. A lot of the good seniors from other schools will be gone next year so we can do even better, being such a young team."

"We were really young and didn't have as much experience as other teams. Next year we will be a lot stronger and more confident."



photo by Mullica

Girls' Track team, front row – Lakeshea Whiteside, Jennifer Throckmorton, Dameatra Speirs, Tiffany Walker, Christy Meade, Traci Skinner, Jennie Reed, Dawn Schipman; second row – Kristen Gibson, Tiffany Oakley, Michelle Ryan, Molly Gross, Cortney Thompson, Maggie Beavers, Amy McDonald, Sheri Ostreko, Cheri Reynolds, Amie Hedrick; third row – Carolyn Williams, Tara Taylor, Carrie Witte, Katie Meimann, Jamie Gasaway, Tierra Kaiser, Geni Stanley, Tonya Halsted, Stephanie Mann, Kristi Sullivan.



photo by LeeAnn Hofferber

Waiting to race – Sophomore Tara Taylor looks on waiting for her turn to run at Indianola.

the *Final Score*

Meet	Place	Meet	Place
Norwalk	2nd	City Series	2nd
Carlisle	3rd	Ankeny	7th
Valley	7th	Lee Township	3rd
Urbandale	8th	District	7th
S.E. Polk	4th	Conference	5th
Dallas-Grimes	2nd	Urbandale	5th
Lincoln	4th	State	14th

S

triding with pride

The season started off rough for the boys' track team. The poor weather and low number of participants created many obstacles.

Senior Ryan Mitchell said, "I wish more people participated in track and other sports. It makes it difficult to compete with other schools that have 60-plus runners and we only have about 20. Hopefully future students do a better job in participating. The group all pulled together though and stuck the hard times out."

Coach Ron Peterson summed up the season when he said, "During a season of bad weather, we had a pleasurable team because the participants were having fun and enjoying the season."

Peterson said one of the major goals that the team set for themselves this year was to have some qualifiers for the Drake Re-

lays. The team accomplished this goal by having the 4 x 8 team, consisting of seniors Tim Schnoor and Eric Groen and juniors Bob Shearon and Mike Ostreko qualify for the relays. Ostreko also qualified in the 3200 meter run. "The team set goals for themselves and worked hard to achieve them; it makes them fun to coach", Peterson said.

Schnoor said, "I'm proud of the younger guys; they worked real hard and learned a lot. I was little disappointed that we weren't a top notch team and with the lower number of participants. Coach Pete deserves better!"

As far as you
can - Junior
David Juskelis
throws the disc
with all of his
might during a
meet on April 9, at
Hoover.

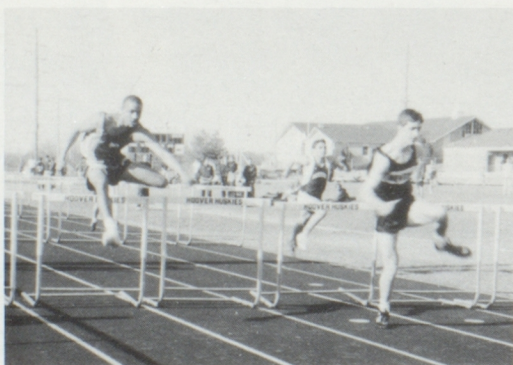


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Fly like an eagle -
Junior Kelly
Christophers leaps
over one of the
hurdles during a meet
at Hoover on April 9.

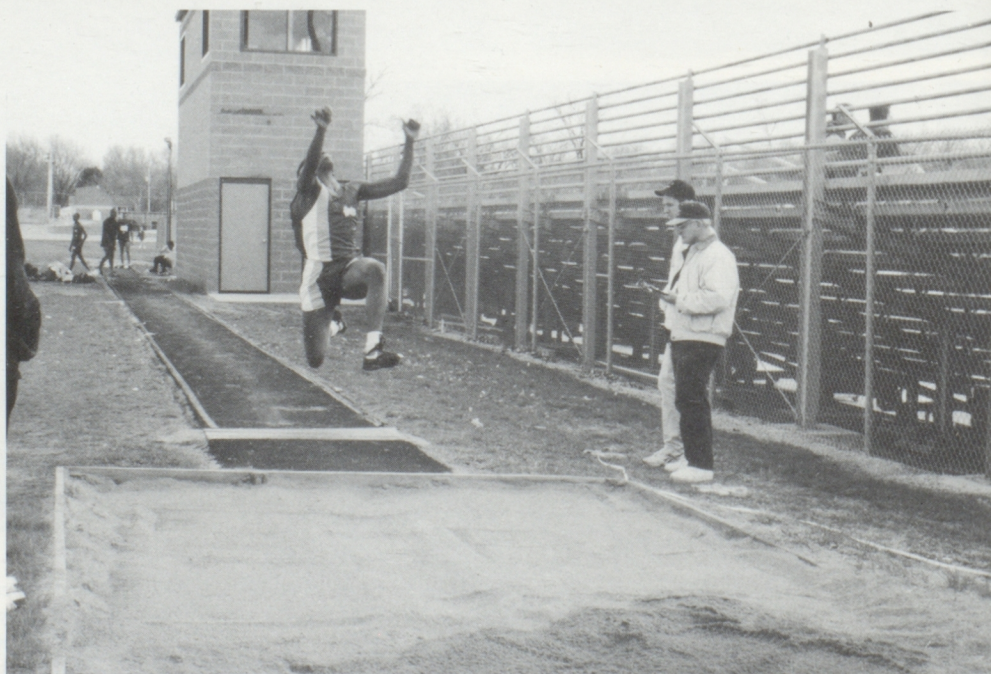


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By leaps and bounds - Freshman Andre Mitchell participates in the long jump at the meet on April 9 at Cara McGrane Stadium.

Run with the wind - Sophomore Kieth Collier flies past the competition during the meet on April 9 at Cara McGrane Stadium.

Said & Done



senior Eric Groen



junior Dave Juskelis

"Eric has been a leader of the team on and off the track this year," Coach Peterson said. He was also a member of the cross country team and a state qualifier for track.

"It has been frustrating at times but overall we made a good improvement and hopefully the younger guys will continue next year," Groen said.

"David has improved much from last year; he has the potential of being a State qualifier," Peterson said.

"The season went pretty well for the number of people we had. Since we didn't have many people, we didn't score a lot of points at meets," Juskelis said.



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Boys' Track Team, front row – Keith Collier, Alex Groen, Justin Leitch, Shauntez Bruce, John Audelhelm, Maurice Jackson; middle row – J.D. Sharp, Andre Mitchell, Steve Schnoor, Sean Murphy, Eric Mitchell, Jason Cowden, Brian Bainbridge; back row – Eric Groen, Tim Schnoor, Bob Shearon, Dan Connet, David Juskelis, Josh Brott, Chad McVey, Mike Mefferd, Ryan Mitchell.



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the Final Score

Meet	Placed
Hoover Invitational	5th
Lincoln Invitational	5th
Urbandale Invitational	3rd
City Series	3rd
Ft. Dodge Invitational	7th
Ankeny Invitational	5th
American Conference	5th

Crossing the finish line – Junior Mike Ostreko finishes first in the 3200 meter run at Hoover on April 9.

E

xceeding expectations

The Hoover girls' tennis team came into the 1996 season with only one returning varsity senior and without many expectations. But a combination of new young talent and improved play from some unsuspected veterans helped the team to turn in a respectable 4 wins and 6 losses. Coach Laura Ahrendt, who was chosen CIML American League Coach of the Year by her peers said, "These players have shown a lot of heart and determination throughout the season and have continued to improve. There is a lot of young talent that should surprise a lot of people in the future."

After closing the regular season with victories against North and Southeast Polk, the Huskies' hosted their first regional match against North. The Huskies defeated the Polar Bears 7 to 4 and advanced to the second round against Lincoln. However the Railsplitters ended the Huskies' season by defeating the Huskies 7 to 2.

The tennis team had a record turnout in terms of players for the 1996 season.

The large team of young and inexperienced players recieved the opportunity to play on the varsity team, since veterans se-

nior Stephanie Roskamp and junior Nikki Johnson were lost for most of the season due to a Russian Exchange. "Even though we didn't have the greatest record, we all improved inidividually through experiance and really bonded as a team," sophomore Amy Peterson said. "Tennis is a great sport, it physically challenges you and is alos mentally challenging" said junior Loan Pham.



photo by Janet Buckley

Twice as hard —

Junior Loan Pham and senior Cindy Murra play a doubles match at Waveland against Urbandale.

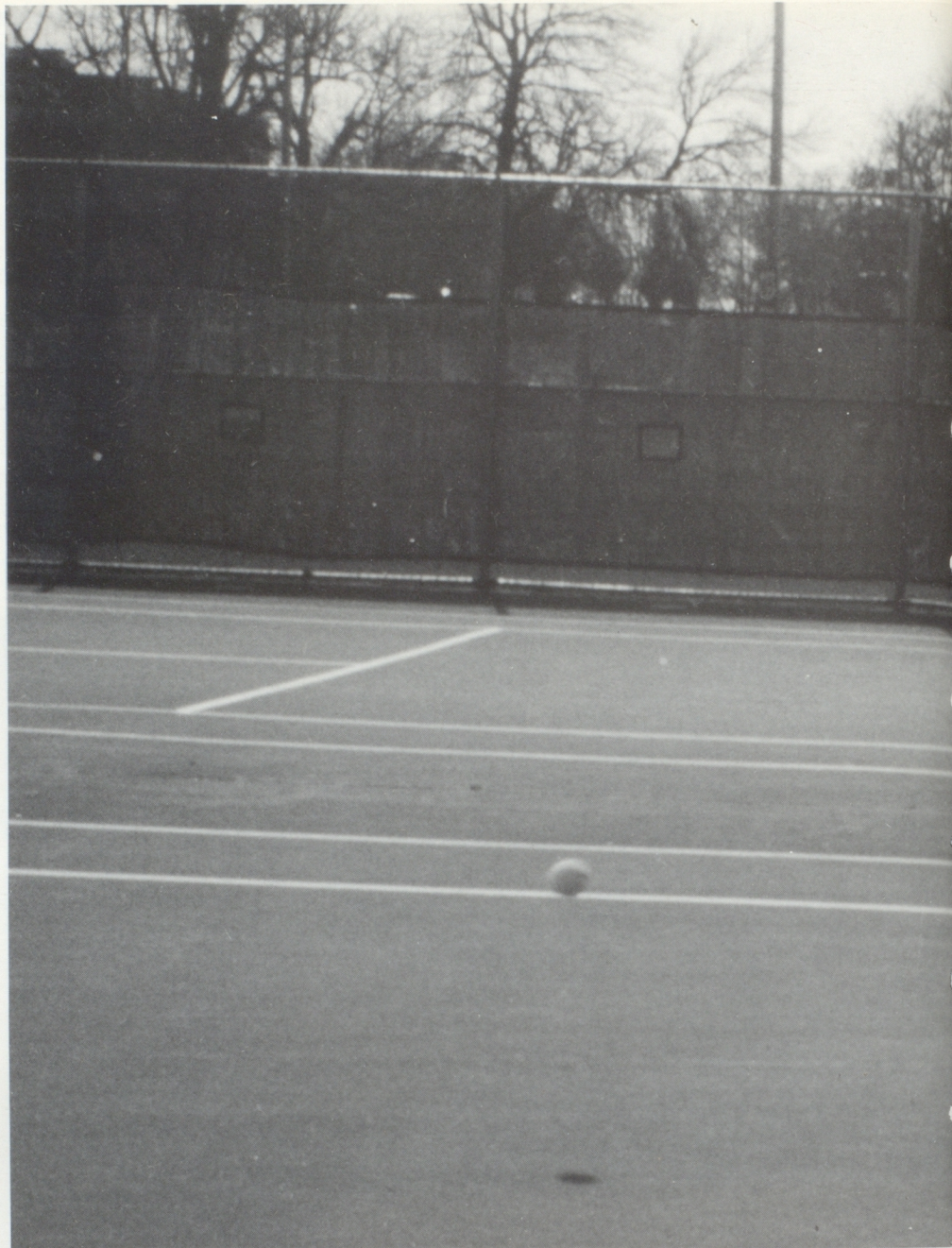


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A little strategy — Coach Laura Ahrendt talks about an upcoming match with sophomore Talia Burnett as the rest of the Huskie team looks on.

Serving it up — Junior Loan Pham serves the ball at a tennis meet held at Hoover.

Said & Done



junior Loan Pham



sophomore Joelle Coons

"We started out the season really well and we had a lot of fun. Although we had a lot of new faces that really added to our team chemistry. I think we had the best sportsmanship in our conference and we really gained the respect of the other teams we played. The coaching staff did a great job and they were really there for us."

Most singles wins with 17, named Team MVP, Best Hustler, and Best Singles player at team banquet, fourth place overall at Lincoln Invitational.



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Hoover Girls' Tennis, front row—Christina Patramanis, Anita Halfwassen, Brenda Bass, Amanda Bolte, Kristi Larson, Jenny Fath, Joelle Coons; second row—Carrie Stackhouse, Andrea Kueck, Talia Burnett, Liz Carey, Kim Peddycoart, Elizabeth Raygoza, Cindy Murra; third row—asst.coach Tam Ho, Melissa Christie, Loan Pham, Janet Buckley, Allison Doherty, Amy Stolki, Lisa Simpson, Mary Mefferd, Katie Gross; back row—Lauran Anderson, Sara Carlson, Amy Peterson, Sarah Hinchliff, Sarah Severson, Karen Leuder, Kristina Sheaffer, Amy Hanlon, Tricia Van Zee, coach Laura Ahrendt Not pictured, Nikki Johnson, Stephanie Roskamp.



photo by Eric Groen

the Final Score

4-6

<u>HHS</u>		<u>Opp.</u>	<u>HHS</u>		<u>Opp.</u>
6	Urbandale	5	2	Dowling	9
1	Johnston	10	3	Lincoln	8
7	East	4	8	North	3
3	Ankeny	8	6	S.E. Polk	5
2	Indianola	9	7	District-North	4
0	Roosevelt	7	2	District-Lincoln	7

It takes a little concentration — Junior Nikki Johnson puts a ball in her pocket before she serves at Hoover against Lincoln.



photo by Janet Buckley

Stacking up wins

The boys' tennis team was led this year by senior co-captains Chad Murray and Lukasz Nosek. With 18 other team members and coach Steve Lundholm guiding the squad, the Huskies ended the season with a winning record of 8-3.

The top three single players this year were Nosek, 6-3, junior Matt Anderson, 7-3, and senior Dan Newman, 9-3. The top three double players were Anderson and Nosek, 7-2, Murray and Newman, 7-1, and junior Tom Stehl and freshman Brent Thornburg, 7-3.

Lundholm said, "This has been a very good year for Hoover's tennis. The seniors have led the team through a winning year and also a tough loss against Roosevelt. The best meet this year was beating Lincoln 10-1. Last year we lost to them 8-3. The doubles team of Anderson/Nosek and Newman/Murray both played great and went on and won their doubles matches."

Anderson said, "We're doing well, a lot better than I thought we would." Lundholm said the biggest improvement

this year was the seniors, with Nosek playing at No. 1, Newman playing at No. 2, Murray playing at No. 4 and

David Rumelhart playing at No. 6. "Working with these young gentlemen and watching them grow to their senior year is what I enjoyed the most. I always miss the seniors when they're gone. The year has been very special because of the maturity level the seniors have shown in guiding the team to a very good year of tennis," Lundholm said.

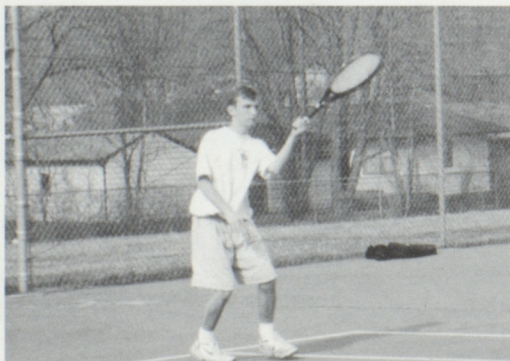


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Here it comes

— Junior Brad Steffen returns a hit to a teammate at practice.

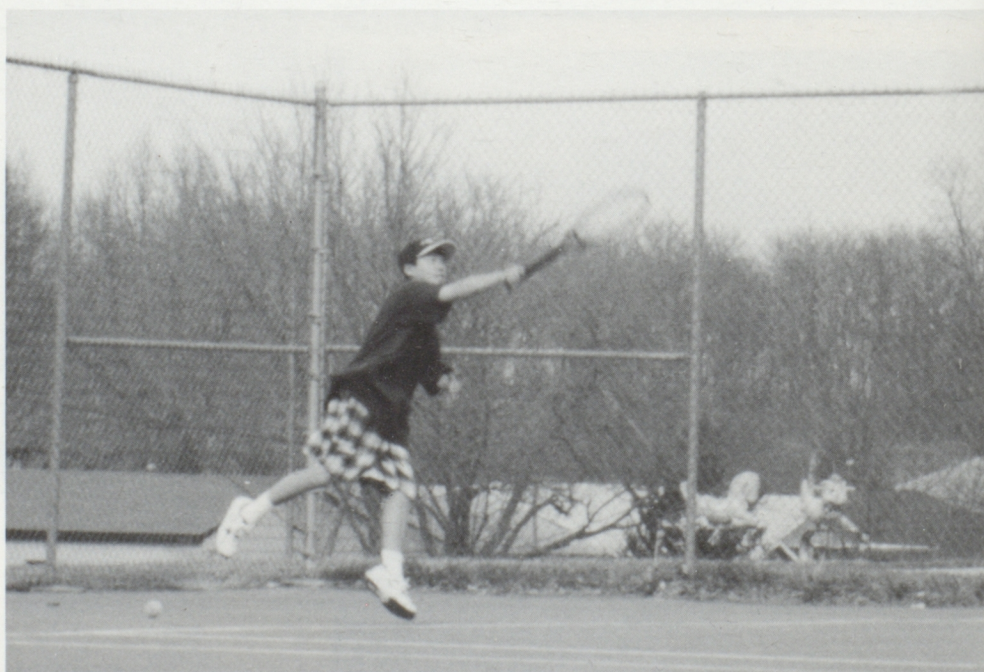


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Clearing the net — Freshman Jared Peterson practices getting the serve over with a few fellow teammates.

Following through — Junior Matt Anderson returns a serve against Indianola on April 23.

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senior Chad Murray



senior Lukasz Nosek

"This year was really fun because our team came away with many victories. The team was very close; it felt like a family. I'll sure miss them all."

"The year went really well. We improved a lot since last year, and the players were evenly spread out."



photo by Nikki Johnson

Boys' Tennis Team, front row – Brad Steffen, Bryan Manning, Jared Peterson, Brent Thornburg, James Reagh; second row – Jamie Beard, Lukasz Nosek, Jon Talcott, Tom Stehl, Praveen Bannikatti, Thai Do, Matt Broich; back row – coach Steve Lundholm, Curt Wheeler, Jeff Wilson, David Rumelhart, Chad Murray, Chance Hulten, Matt Anderson, coach Chris Knee. Not pictured – Dan Newman, Phouthasone Simahano, Donny Duong.

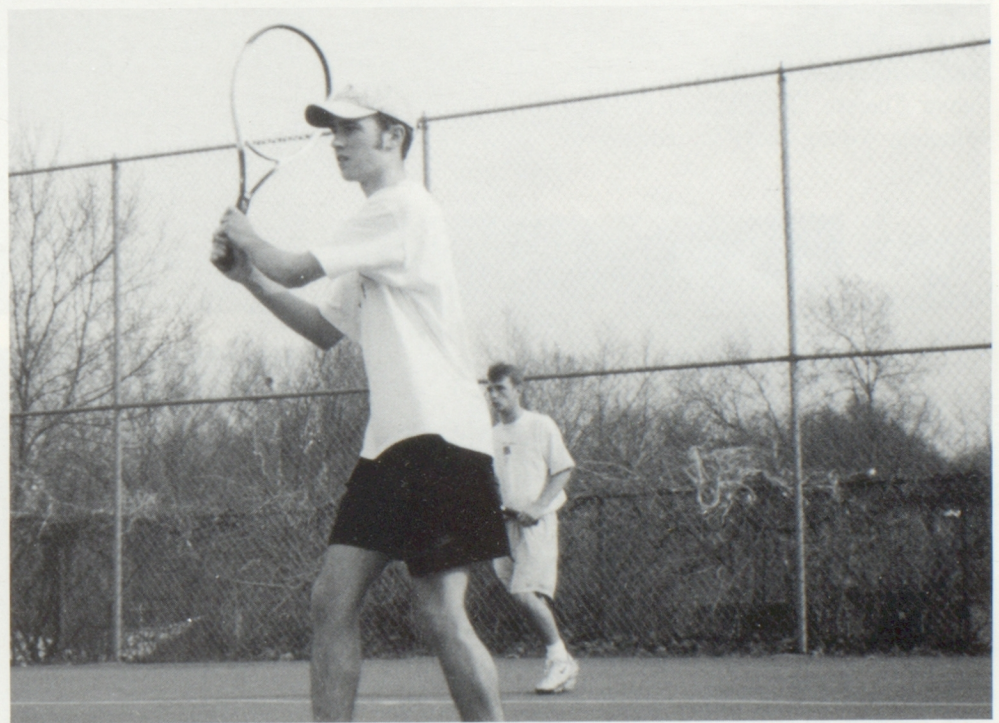


photo by Jon Talcott

I'm waiting – Junior Jamie Beard awaits a serve from a fellow teammate at practice.

the Final Score

8-3

HHS	Opp.	HHS	Opp.
1 Urbandale	10 8	Indianola	3
7 Ankeny	4 5	Roosevelt	6
10 East	1 1	Dowling	10
6 N. Polk	2 10	S.E. Polk	1
8 Johnston	3 10	North	1
9 Lincoln	1		

Kicking it off

For the summer of 1996 the state of Iowa sanctioned girls' soccer as a high school sport.

"It was really neat to play for the first Hoover girls' soccer team and I'm excited for next year," junior Amanda Jones said.

In the last away game of the season, Hoover played Southeast Polk. During the varsity game, senior Emily Minnis scored three goals, earning the only hat trick of the season. Junior Kari Behn, freshman Stephanie Mann, and eighth-grader Emily Neve scored. The final score was 6-0.

The last varsity game of the season was against North at Hoover. Minnis, junior Theresa Hedrick, and freshman Amanda Young each scored a goal.

Sophomore Megan Smith, Mann, and Jones each scored two goals. The final score was 9-0.

"It has been a really good season, and we had a lot of new girls this year. We are looking forward to '98 and the first girls state championship," sophomore co-captain Kelly Nelson said.

Juniors Candy Mason and Karla Rosales; sophomores Tiffany Oakley and Amanda Roed; freshmen Traci Camp, Katie Musser, and Christy Niebes all played for junior varsity.

"I think we were very good for our first year but not as good as we had hoped to be. I think that being a young team, we have things to look forward to," coach Art Behn said.

Dribbling

away—Sophomore

more Megan Smith

dribbles away from

a Roosevelt player,

as freshman Carrie

Witte runs for the

pass.



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Taking a kick—Senior Emily Minnis takes an indirect kick against Roosevelt.

Making a steal—Junior Kari Behn steals the ball from her Roosevelt opponent.



Said & Done



sophomore Jennifer Howe

"It was a really good experience and we'll miss Emily a lot."



freshman Amanda Young

"I thought it was neat playing for the first Hoover team as a freshman."



photo by Mullica

Varsity Girls' Soccer—front row, Heidi Hotopp, Amanda Jones, Jennifer Howe, Kelly Nelson, Theresa Hedrick; second row, Sarah Anderson, Megan Smith, Emily Minnis, Amanda Young, Brenda Bass, Shanna Kline; back row, manager Natasha Seay, coach Art Behn, Stephanie Mann, Carrie Witte, Tiffany Burford, Cathy Stokes, Kari Behn, Katy Harris, coach Janet Larson; not pictured, Emily Neve.



Fighting for possession—Junior Theresa Hedrick fights for the ball in the varsity versus Roosevelt game.



the Final Score

HHS	4-7-1	Opp
0	Ankeny	0
1	Ames	7
1	East	0
4	Lincoln	0
0	Indianola	4
0	Roosevelt	5
1	Johnston	2
0	Dowling	6
0	Valley	7
6	S.E. Polk	0
0	ADM	3
9	North	0

Reaching the goal

Even with the loss of several of last year's starting seniors, the Hoover boys' soccer team anticipated a promising season. "We had a big void to fill with last year's seniors gone, but we have worked really hard to fill that gap," said sophomore j.v. midfielder Rob Clark.

There were six returning varsity starters, they were seniors Billy Howe, Bryan Howe, Ryan Johnson, and Lukasz Nosek, junior Scott Johnson, and sophomore Eric Kitner. The team set many goals for the season. "Our teams' major goal was to return to the state tournament," said senior midfielder (Billy) Howe. Unfortunately, the team didn't make it to State this season after they were defeated by Valley, who then went on to become the state champions.

The team did finish the season with an overall record of 10-8, and 5-2 in conference. "We did not do as well as we predicted," said junior

sweeper (Scott) Johnson. Even so, the team had many obstacles to overcome during the season including numerous "injuries and bad luck," (Billy) Howe said. The teams' record wasn't the best one in years, but "The chemistry was the best it has been in about 4 years," said (Scott) Johnson, "Everyone is acquainted with each other's style of play."

Clark said, "The hard work our team has exhibited on and off the field has earned us respect, no matter what our record says."



photo by Loni Pham

Just kickin' it -

The varsity soccer players cool down on the bench and watch the action on the field.



photo by Janet Buckley

Beatin' the Heat - Senior midfielder Billy Howe takes a water break at the soccer game on May 18, the hottest day of the season.

On the sideline - Junior Dan Parker and freshman Todd Logsdon dribble the ball on the sideline while waiting to return to the game on May 18.



photo by Loni Pham



photo by Janet Buckley

Said & Done



Ryan Johnson

Senior Forward, First Team All Conference in 1996, second in team scoring 1996, co-captain in 1996, Academic All Conference and letter-winner for four years.



Lukasz Nosek

Senior Defender, First Team All Conference in 1996, Academic All Conference and letter-winner for two years.



photo by Mullica

Varsity boys' soccer team, front row-- manager Jennifer Howe, Alan Martinez, Franciso Guerreo, Dan Parker, Hung Nguyen, and manager Veronica Martinez; second row-- Keith Small, Phouthasone Simahano, Bryan Howe, Nick Lloyd, Adam Johnson, Kevin Kozitza, Eric Kitner, Lukasz Nosek, and manager Cindy Gronert; back row-- assistant coach Russ Vanderhoef, Billy Howe, Colin Johnson, Ryan Johnson, Muriz Hodzic, Scott Johnson, Todd Logsdon, Rex Tredway, John Monroe, Marlon Morales, and head coach Pat Kozitza.



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J.V. boys' soccer team, front row-- Franciso Guerreo, Oscar Zenteno, Ben Talcott, Brandon Camus, Nate Ferguson, Andy Ginn, and Mikel Morris; second row-- manager Jennifer Howe, Marcos Vasquez, Mark Dante, Joe Provateare, Alan Martinez, Mike Navin, Adam Johnson, Kevin Kozitza, Andrew Palmer, Mike Murphy, manager Cindy Gronert, and manager Veronica Martinez; back row-- assistant coach Russ Vanderhoef, Jacob Brott, Todd Logsdon, Nate Curl, Andrew Slotterback, Bo Leonard, Andrew Rowland, John Monroe, and Rob Clark.



photo by Janet Buckley

the Final Score

HHS	Opp.	HHS	Opp.
2	Johnston	0 5	East
0	Ames	6 1	Indianola
3	Ankeny	2 4	East
0	Valley	3 4	North
5	Indianola	4 0	Roosevelt
4	Solon	0 4	Johnston
0	Urbandale	1 1	Valley
3	Lincoln	1 4	SE Polk

On your toes— Freshman goalie Adam Johnson waits for freshman Todd Logsdon to throw the ball during a drill at the game vs. Johnston on May 18.

Bringing it home

As the 1996 softball season came to a close, the JV softball team stayed strong, sweeping the Walker Johnston tournament with five wins and no losses. With only four conference losses, first year coach Nikki Pena of Simpson College supported the Huskies

with her new coaching style and knowledge of the game. "I liked her because she's played softball before, so she knew what was going on," eighth grader Megan Kelso said.

Consisting of four juniors, three sophomores, five freshman, and three eighth graders, the JV team ranged from the experience of the upperclassmen to the young, but skilled, incoming freshmen. "It was a fun but long season. It was fun getting to know all the upperclassmen," said eighth grader Samantha Bunn.

As the season progressed, many injuries occurred. Underclassmen were called up to fill positions held by the injured players. Sophomore Amber Wessing stepped up to fill the empty catcher's position after junior Kristin Hayes broke her toe. Samantha Bunn was brought up to JV to replace Wessing, but in mid-season broke her finger and sophomore Aimee Hedrick took her place.

"Overall, our JV season was exciting and my teammates and I learned how to work together as a team and have fun while doing it," junior Amanda Camp said.

JV Softball team, front row — Christy Meade, Jessica Lovejoy, Amanda Bolte, Lisa Bentley, Amanda Camp; second row — Amie Hedrick, Sam Bunn, Missy Priest, Meghan

Kelso, Shayla Haynes, Kim Peddycoart; back row—Coach Peck, Melissa Mallette, Molly Gross, Katie Meimann, Megan Strum, Coach Pena.



photo by Mullica

Cheering on
victory —
Hoover parents
Miriam Strum and
Greg Bentley

cheer on the Hus-
kies during a JV
softball game.

Said...



sophomore Amanda Bolte

"We did well this year in spite of having a small team."



sophomore Amie Hedrick

"I think we put a lot of hard work into the season and we ended up having a good year."



photo courtesy of Amanda Camp



photo courtesy of Amanda Camp

Swing, batter! — Sophomore Missy Priest keeps her eyes on the ball, preparing to get a hit.

Yes, ma'am! — Sophomores Karen Lueder and Anne Lawrie get key instructions from Coach Turner.



Aiming right—Eighth grader Megan Strum gets ready to pitch the ball against North.

Slugging it out

The Hoover Husky varsity softball team ended with a winning record of 21-20, winning six out of eight conference games. The squad consisted of 16 girls out of which only one was a senior. Kari Greenlee, the lone senior, received honorable mention All-Conference, along with sophomore Katie Gross, Amber Wessing and freshman Christy Meade. Junior Kathi Buckley and sophomore Anne Lawrie were selected to the second team All-Conference. The team had many goals and expectations.

"This year was great compared to others that I've played here and I'm very excited because I think we can use

our loss in regionals to motivate us to play well next year and win state," said sophomore Katie Gross.

Eighth grader Megan Strum said, "We really turned around in the second half and became a better team and I'm looking forward to next year."

The varsity squad post season was a bit of a surprise for some spectators as they went into districts as the big under-

dogs. The Huskies won their first game versus Valley 1-0, and beat conference foe North in the championship game 9-1 to win districts. The Huskies' season ended in the

first game of regionals with a 3-0 loss to Indianola. Thus, the Huskies, having their most successful varsity team in a while walked away with many memories.

Coach Turner remembered, "When we knocked off Indianola, because nobody expected us to."

Varsity centerfielder Kathi Buckley said her most vivid softball memory was, "When Karen made a stellar catch in the sectionals game against north."

Varsity Softball team, front row—Katie Gross, Lisa Bentley, Shayla Haynes, Amie Hedrick, Christy Meade; middle row—Kristin Hayes, Tammy Leitch, Megan Strum, Meghan Kelso, Amber Wessing, Anne Lawrie; top row—Coach Pena, Kathi Buckley, Katie Meimann, Keri Greenlee, Karen Lueder, DeLaine Burken, Coach Wendy Turner.



photo by Candice Mason



sophomore Anne Lawrie



junior Kathi Buckley

Done...

All-Conference second team. Second on the team in batting avg., .319. Was selected defensive player of the year by the coaches.

All-Conference second team. Led the team offensively, batting .371. Stole 31 bases and was named offensive player of the year by the coaches.

What's going on!!—Junior DeLaine Burken is still asleep while getting ready at the Sioux City Invitational.

the Final Score

HHS		Opp
4	Roosevelt	2
3	SE Polk	2
3	Dowling	4(9)
2	East	6
0	North	5
0	Indianola	2
2	Lincoln	7
3	East	5
1	Dowling	7
8	SE Polk	3
8	North	7(9)
2	Roosevelt	0
3	Lincoln	7



photo by Shirley Lueder



photo by Kent Babcock

Swinging for success

The varsity baseball team returned several players from the previous year. Those players were seniors David Peterson, Tim Schnoor, Eric Groen, and Nic Hoover, sophomores David Buckley, David Newman, Derek Wilcox, and junior Charlie Baumert. Along with the returning players, were some new faces, along with several underclassmen that were pulled up to suit varsity.

Last year's team ended their season with a record of 17 wins and 16 losses. They ended up placing 10th out of the 11 teams in the conference. Schnoor made Second Utility in the conference last year. Joining him were graduates Brad Haugh and Brandon Jones, who both made First Team All - Conference.

In Districts last year, the team beat Boone in the first round. They ended up coming one game away from going to State, but lost in the sub-state game to Ames.

Coach Mark Chelleen said he was proud of the team's season. Some highlights of the season were the Huskies win over Valley, the 1995 State Champions, in the regular season game. The Huskies also beat Indianola, who took second at State, twice during the season.

Varsity Baseball Team,

front row - David Peterson, Jeremy Jorgenson, Tim Rech, Eric Groen, Adam Lueder, Ryan Doughan, Brian Bainbridge; back row - manager David

Wagner, Tim Schnoor, Nic Hoover, Derek Wilcox, Charlie Baumert, T.J. Welton, David Newman, David Buckley, head coach Mark Chelleen.



photo by Jessica Harding

Swing batter

swing - Junior

Charlie Baumert

begins his motion

to swing at a pitch

during a game

against

Urbandale on

June 3 at

Urbandale.

The varsity boys finished the season with a 18 - 14 record, with a 10 - 11 record in interconference matches. A complete listing of scores were not available at press time; player statistics were also unavailable.



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Not even close - First baseman, sophomore T.J. Welton, denies an Urbandale player the chance to reach first base during a game on June 3 at Urbandale.

Huge lead off - Sophomore Brian Foster takes a huge jump off of second base during a game against Urbandale on June 3, at Urbandale.



Batter's up—Freshmen Tony Quinn prepares to hit the ball during a game on June 3 at Urbandale.

H leading for home

The 1995 sophomore team ended last year's season with a record of 18 wins and 12 losses. They ended up placing 14th out of the 17 teams in their conference. The team had a tough break last year; they were in first place out of their conference but ended up losing their position three days before the season was over.

Sophomore coach Scott Noah said, "This year if we hustle and work hard we'll do fine!" Much of the pressure is on

the pitchers according to coach Noah, those pitchers include Matt Woods, Brian Foster and Bob Hamel. Noah feels that if the pitchers perform well it will help the team out immensely.

The sophomore team had several players who were called up to the varsity team during the season; these contributors were sophomores Buckley, Newman, Noah, Wilcox and Welton.

The freshmen team also had one of their players called up to the varsity team during the season; this contributor was freshmen Jason Karaidos.

The sophomore baseball team finished the season with a record of 16 - 14. A complete listing of scores were not available at press time; player statistics were also unavailable.

The freshmen baseball team finished the season with a record of 13-18-1. A complete listing of scores were not available at press time; player statistics were also unavailable.

Getting down on defense — Sophomore Matt Woods gets down low to field the ball coming his way during a game at Urbandale on June 3.



photo by Jessica Harding



photo by Jessica Harding



photo by Marci Simonini

Freshmen Baseball Team, front row—head coach Jay Imhoff, Jack Spicer, Pat McCarthy, Mike Fong, Sean Murphy, Derrick Johnson, Steve Schnoor, Tyree Lewis, Tim Barnes; back—Nick Horton, Alex Groen, Andy Ginn, Jerome Miller, Joey Jaynes, Mike Mohler, Justin Leitch.



photo by Jessica Harding

Sophomore Baseball Team, front row—Tony Quinn, Brian Heiden, Brian Foster, batt girl Samantha Karaidos, Jason Karaidos, Bob Hammel, John Monroe; back—Ryan Lovell, Adam Crabb, Nick Miller, Grant Noah, Matt Woods, Andrew Moss, James Vigon.

Making spirits soar

The varsity football cheerleaders kept busy during the 1995 football season. Besides cheering at the games and pep assemblies, they were also in the Beaverdale

Parade on Sept. 9 and held a "Hoover Pups" clinic on Oct. 9. The "Hoover Pups" are children in elementary and middle schools who participate in certain Hoover activities.

During Homecoming week, the varsity cheerleaders participated in a number of activities. This included the sidewalk painting contest and the car rally. At the Homecoming assembly and at half-time of the football game that night, the cheerleaders performed a dance to the song "Faces".

The six juniors and six seniors said they had memorable experiences cheering together.

Senior co-captain Jessica Harding said, "Everyone got along better this year which made it a really fun year."

Junior co-captain Tiffany Camus said, "This years homecoming was so much fun. We had a blast, learning our dance, practicing, going to the car rally and especially decorating the guys' locker room," she said.

Camus also said, as a squad, they were proud of the football team and they all loved to represent them.

Varsity Football Cheerleaders, front row – Shayla Haynes, Ayesha Abdullah, Tiffany Walker, Pia Hawkins; second row – Katy Tyrrell, Tiffany Camus, Jessica Harding, Katie Bierma; third row – Courtney McCormick, Kathi Buckley, Cassie Murphy, Charlene Meyer.



photo by Mullica

Raising spirits

- Seniors Tiffany

Walker and Pia

Hawkins cheer

during the Oct.

13 football game

against Dowling

at Cara McGrane

Stadium.

Said...



senior Jessica Harding

"Everyone got along better this year which made it a really fun year."



junior Tiffany Camus

"Homecoming was so much fun, we had a blast, learning our dance, practicing, going to the car rally and especially decorating the guys' locker room,"



photo by Amanda Bolte



photo by Kari Greenlee

Building up excitement-- The varsity cheerleaders form a pyramid while performing to the song "Faces" during the Sept. 29 Homecoming assembly.

Fire up! – Sophomore Lee Gannon tries to get the crowd cheering at the sophomore football game at home against East on Oct. 9.



photo by Jessica Harding

Performing a stunt – The freshmen squad had a stunt for every game. Here they are performing a pyramid on Oct. 12 at Dowling.

Pumping up fans

The freshmen and sophomore squads have both been active this year.

Both of the squads participated in the Beaverdale Parade. They painted signs weekly for the football teams and for other fall athletic activities. During Homecoming week the squads got involved in the car rally, and competed in the sidewalk painting contest. Both squads also made fireups for all of the football players during Homecoming week.

Even though the girls are involved in many things, freshmen captain Liz Bierma said she enjoyed cheering at the East game the most. She said, "I enjoy getting people riled up."

The sophomore squad said they also enjoy many things about cheerleading.

Sophomore captain Kourtney Horner said of the first game of the season, "The crowd really got in to it; I really enjoyed it!"

Sophomore cheerleader Angela Walker summed up the season by saying, "It doesn't matter how the season goes; it's the spirit that counts!"



photo by Jessica Harding

Said...



Captain of sophomore squad. Stetson said, "Kourtney has the ability to keep the enthusiasm high, she too has gone great leadership ability."

sophomore Kourtney Horner



Captain of freshmen squad. Coach Deb Stetson said, "Liz has outstanding leadership ability, and the ability to organize the squad well."

freshman Liz Bierma

Cheering for the Huskies – The freshmen squad performs the cheer "Rock Steady," on Oct. 12 at Dowling.



photo by Jake Smith



photo by Mullica

The Sophomore Squad, front row – Lee Gannon, Kourtney Horner, Angela Walker; back row – Emily Doro, Jennifer Crandell, La Niece Scott.



photo by Mullica

The Freshmen Squad, front row – Kristin Sokugawa, Elizabeth Bierma ; second row – Heather Thomas; back row – Michelle Foote, Kristen Gibson, Amanda Young.

Raising the energy

As it is every year, the varsity basketball cheerleading squads' primary goal was to establish a wide range of support, spirit, and pep, not only at the basketball games and pep assemblies but outside the school as well.

The cheerleaders conducted a clinic for grade school students, called the "Hoover Pups". The Pups then had a chance to perform at the Jan. 19 basketball game.

The captains of the two squads were seniors Stephanie Roskamp and Katie McGrath.

The varsity cheerleaders' first performance was done to Mariah Carey's version of "Santa Claus is Coming to Town". The dance was performed on Dec. 15 and was choreographed by former Hoover cheerleader Chris Harris.

Their last dance of the season was performed for the student body at the Feb. 23 pep assembly and later at the basketball game. The dance was done to the song "Jump" and was also choreographed by Harris.

Harris said, "It was really fun to work with such a great group of cheerleaders; I really enjoyed the girls and their spirit."

Varsity B-Ball Cheerleaders, Squad one, front row – Jodi Solberg, Tara Smith; second row – Amy Kneller, Melissa Christ, Nga Lam; back row – Stephanie Roskamp.



photo by Mullica

Varsity B-Ball Cheerleaders, Squad two, front row – Erica Hanlon, Amy Lee; back row – DeLaine Burken, Allison Musser, Veronica Brown. Not pictured; Katie McGrath



photo by Mullica

Jumpin' to
the beat – Jun-
ior Erica Hanlon
and senior
Stephanie
Roskamp per-
form at the
Jan. 16 home

game against
North.

Said...



"We really worked hard together which made the season a smooth one. I enjoyed the time we all spent together."

senior Stephanie Roskamp

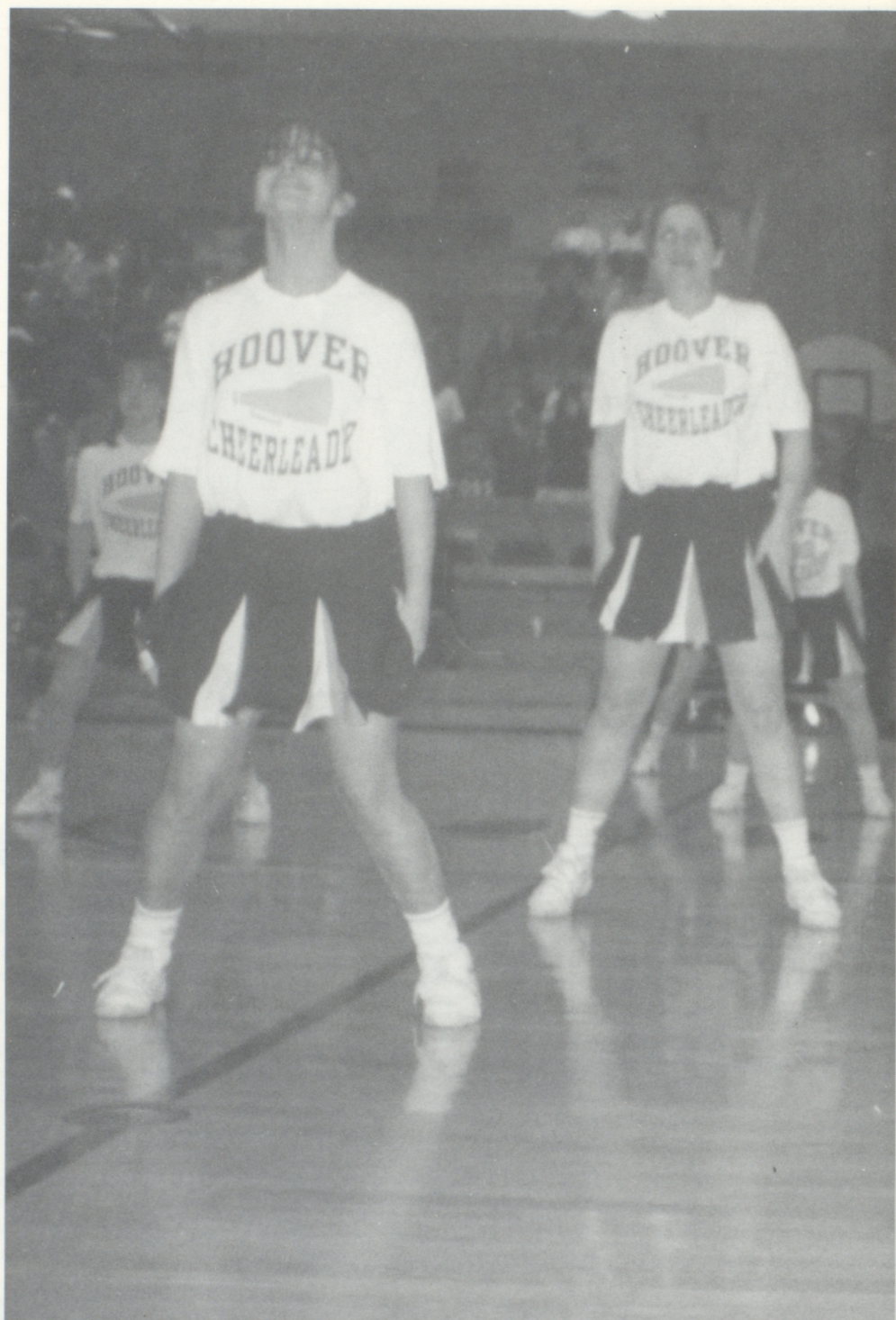


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Singing school spirit – The basketball cheerleaders pump up the fans at a pep assembly.

Stand up and shout – The freshmen basketball cheerleaders pump up the fans.



photo by Amie Hedrick

Quick decisions – The sophomore basketball cheerleading squad discuss their next cheer.

Supporting the pound

The sophomore and freshmen basketball cheerleading squads agree that the season was a successful and interesting one. "We really worked well together," sophomore captain Abbey Williams and freshmen captain Jessica Lovejoy said.

Williams said their most memorable game of the season was the last game because they just "really let loose and went wild". She also said that "Each season is never the same. "I always experience something new every year."

The sophomore squad had to split into two groups in order to have cheerleaders at both the girls' and boys' basketball games. This made it a little difficult to communicate with each other but "we were able to work things out," said Williams.

As for the freshmen, Lovejoy said their most fun game of the season was against Indianola because they all were in "hyper-moods" and they were running in circles doing funny chants.

The sophomore and freshmen squads also helped with the Hoover Pups clinic and performed at the halftime show with the Hoover Pups and the varsity cheerleaders.



photo by Amanda Bolte

Said...



sophomore Abbey Williams

"Each season is never the same. I experience something new every year."



freshman Jessica Lovejoy

"In the beginning we had some problems, but we all pulled together and worked it out. By the end of the year everything was great."

We've got spirit – Sophomore Abbey Williams tries to get the crowd on its feet at a home basketball game.



photo by Amanda Bolte



photo by Mullica

Sophomore B-Ball Cheerleaders, front row – Kristin Johnson, Abbey Williams; back row – Ann Marie Hansen, Kristen Bray, Tiffany Oakley, Beth Soike.



photo by Mullica

Freshman B-Ball Cheerleaders, front row – Katie Musser, Lindsay Kelly, Jessica Lovejoy, Jennie Reed; back row – Tonya Halstead, Lea Marsel.

Pounding the mat

Smile big –
Seniors Dena
Shoemaker and
Sally Allan
show off their
dance moves at
the wrestling
meet Jan. 11.

This year's wrestling cheerleading squad consisted of six members. They were seniors captain Holly Feickert, co-captain Marci Simonini, Dena Shoemaker and Sally Allan, and juniors Theresa Hedrick and Heather Taft.

Of the season, Allan said, "I think this season went by faster than any of us thought it would. I enjoyed cheering with all the people on my squad. Although it was very time consuming, it was a great year for me and I'm sure I will miss it next year."

With wrestling cheerleaders not having the advantage of the whole basketball court or the spacey track to do cheers, they performed the cheers sitting down. They combine pounding, clapping and chanting to put together a number of cheers to encourage the wrestlers to victory.

"It was fun cheering with my senior friends my senior year. I am really going to miss cheerleading next year and the great times we had," Shoemaker said.

The squad also participated in two different dance routines along with the basketball squads. The first was the Hoover Pups. Cheerleaders taught elementary and junior high girls a few cheers and a quick little dance and then they were given the opportunity to perform at half time of the basketball game on Jan. 19. They also performed to "Jump" at the last home basketball game Feb. 16 against North and at the Student of All Seasons assembly

Wrestling Cheerleaders,
front row – Theresa Hedrick, Marci Simonini; second row – Dena Shoemaker, Heather Taft; back row – Holly Feickert, Sally Allan.



photo by Mullica

Said...



captain Holly Feickert

"Cheerleading my senior year was a lot of fun. I really enjoyed being captain and having fun with the girls. I will miss cheerleading a lot and all the fun we had."



co-captain Marci Simonini

"The beginning of the season was rocky because of the differences in our personalities. It took us a while but we came together as a squad and ended up having a good season."



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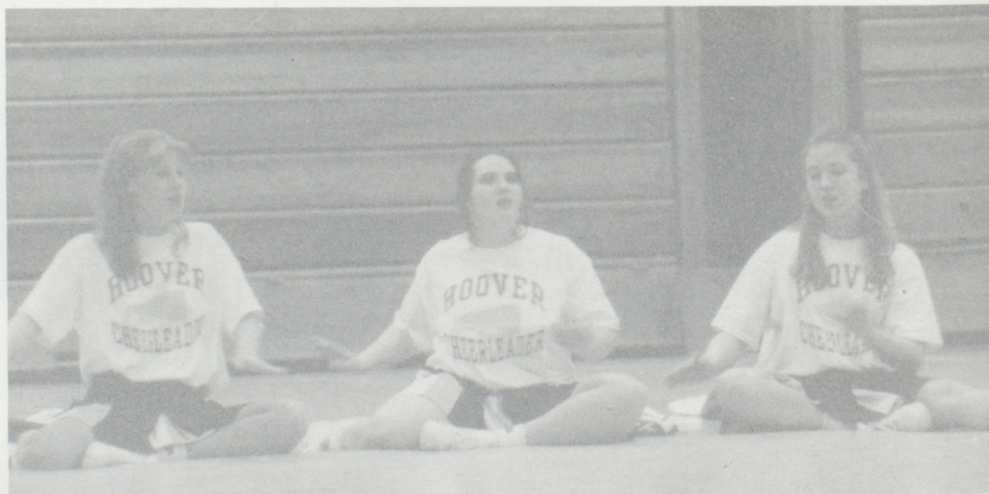


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Ready, O.K. – Seniors Dena Shoemaker, Marci Simonini, and Holly Feickert cheer on the wrestlers at a home wrestling meet.

Steppin' to a beat – Niema Nichols dances to a Michael Jackson medley during a pep assembly on Feb. 16.



photo by Kari Greenlee

Here we go—senior Niema Nichols and junior Charles Sutton show off their moves during a performance from the drill team at a pep assembly.

Feeling the groove

Returning for the second year, this year's drill team consisted of 13 members and director MaryAnn Spicer. With drill team only being in its second year Spicer commented that they look to perfect the dance routines by adding more formations and using the poms:

Senior captain Niema Nichols participated at the

State Drill Team Competition on Oct. 11. She also helped with the choreography for the dances along with the Drake pom squad and a few special guest artists.

Nichols said, "Despite all the things people say or have said about the drill team, when we dance we have fun."

This year's squad's last performance took place at the final home basketball game Feb. 16.

"It's a wonderful feeling to dance to music. It's a great way to express your school spirit," Spicer said.



photo by Kari Greenlee

Done...



Niema Nichols



Crystal McQuerry

"I had a lot of fun with the drill team this year. It was a good experience for me because it taught me how to be patient with people."

"Drill team was a wonderful experience. I got to meet a lot of people, and dance at many games."

Leading the pack – senior Crystal McQuerry leads the troops before a performance at the Homecoming assembly on Sept. 29.

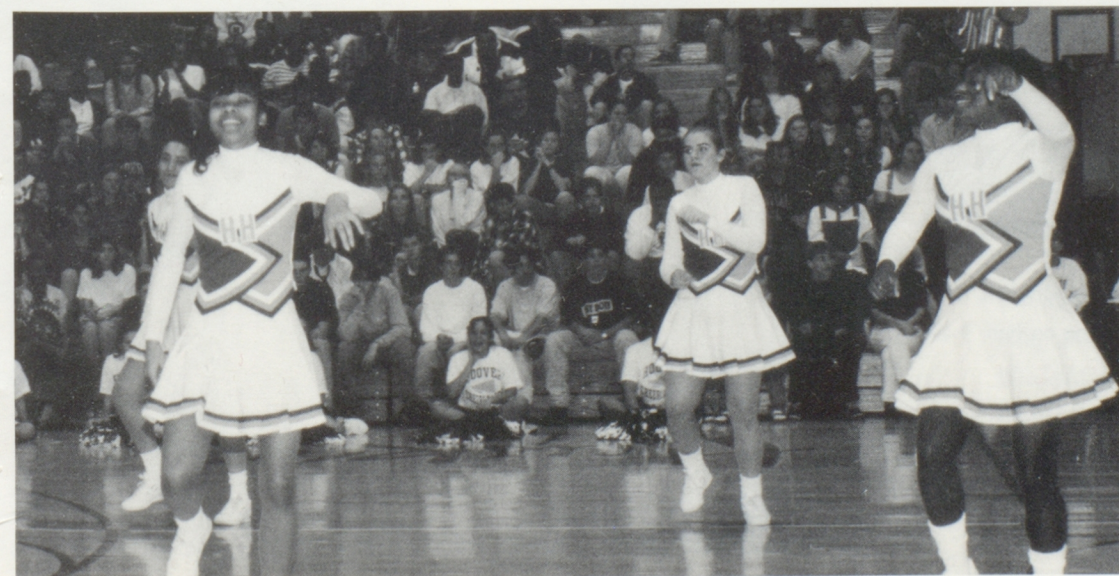


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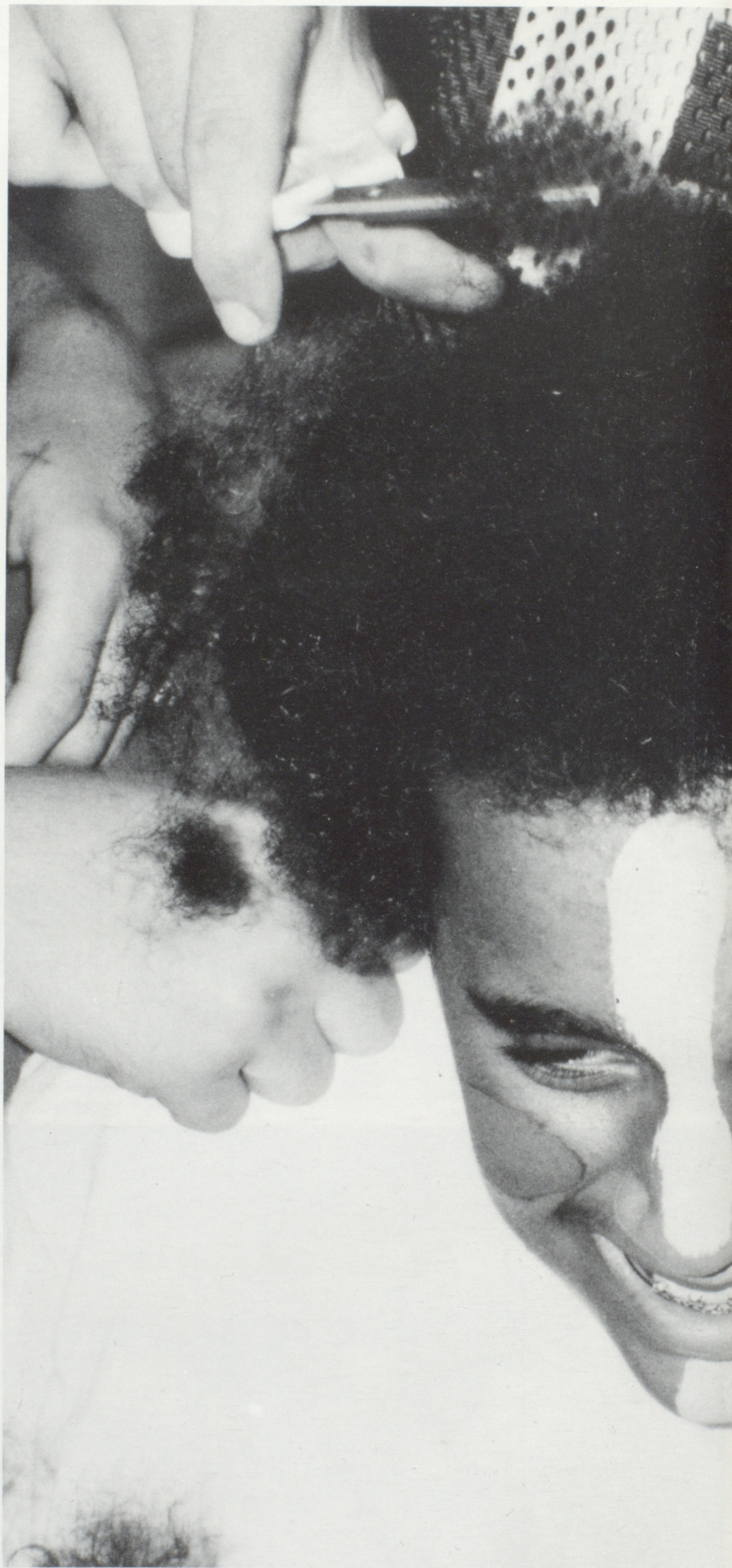
Drill Team, front row—Shannon Smith, Maria Hill, Tylene Barber, Stephanie Hill; back row—Tiffany Oakley, Heather Mallette, Natasha Grant, Crystal McQuerry. Not pictured – Niema Nichols, Veronica Brown, Karla Rosales, Loretta Kay Tomeo.



photo by LeeAnn Hofferber

Get fired up! – Seniors David Peterson, Tim Schnoor, Ryan Mitchell, and Bryan Howe get pumped up for the big game against Dowling on Feb. 9 at Dowling.

Bye – bye hair! – Sophomore Harry Stanley gets his hair shaved off by the varsity football team during the Homecoming assembly on Sept. 29.





You & Me

They are the ones who attend the classes. They are the ones who make up the sports team rosters. They are the ones whose voices you hear bouncing off the walls in the hallways, at sports games, at school dances, and at pep assemblies. They are also the ones who, whether they are aware of it or not, sculpt Hoover High School's history.

"They" are you and me. The faces that grace the pages of this yearbook. A book that is intended to immortalize memories of experiences that are unparalleled to anything else. As we all know, a yearbook serves only as a guideline. By looking through the pages, we can all reflect on specific times but we rely on our memory to draw more details from each photograph. Each face. Each person.

Every individual has a place in the yearbook. Whether it appears on twenty pages or one, without the faces, the yearbook would have little character, if any at all.

Each class at Hoover High School has its' own unique individuality. The freshmen class, for instance, is one of the largest Hoover has seen in years with 331 people in their class. The sophomores are the ones who are just beginning to discover all of the possibilities available to them through high school. The majority of the junior class have their minds on being seniors, while the seniors are just beginning to think seriously about college or fulltime jobs.

As students participate in sports, perform onstage, or attend classes, they tend to have one recurring thought: the thought of individuality. Being a student, a person has the urge to make his/her mark. An individual wants to be remembered as the only one of his/her kind; not one out of the 1100 other students. It is this goal that gives the school its atmosphere.

photo by LeeAnn Hofferber

Changes expected by 2001

For the past three years the staff of Hoover High School has been concentrating on a plan to develop an interconnected curriculum called the School Improvement Plan. The plan focuses on four major target goals including: goal setting, problem solving and critical thinking, community service learning, and the major focus, career pathways. The school improvement team hopes to have these ideas implemented by the year 2001.

The plan will encourage students to identify educational and career goals early on during their freshman year. They will select a pathway in Technology, Work, or College, and choose classes that will supplement their choice. Students will then be grouped by with faculty members based upon their individual educational focus. These "Focus Groups" will meet weekly to explore and discuss related careers, develop their resume portfolios, perform community service projects, and participate in various extracurricular activities. To make time for these Focus Groups, the school day will be modified to increase effective teaching and learning. There will be two

morning and two afternoon classes instead of the current seven period schedule.

Teachers will stress the importance of problem solving skills to solve difficult academic and life situations as much as the acquisition of basic skills. Cooperative learning groups will also help students develop interdependence by working together and relying on one another.

Community service will be required as a part of the School Improvement Plan in an attempt to increase students' self esteem by helping others, and to develop a sense of pride in the community and school. In addition to community service, students will participate in various extracurricular activities that result in a well-rounded high school experience. School Improvement Committee Chairperson Jane Hildenbrand explained, "The concept behind school improvement is primarily to improve student learning; it's not about painting the walls or getting new plug-ins, it's about getting kids to learn."

Plans for the Future

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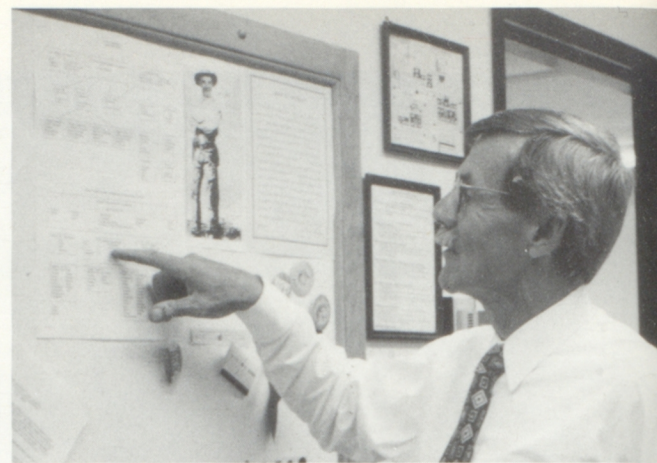
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Hildenbrand re-

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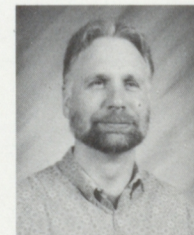
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Steady Progress – Principal Bill McCollaugh points out the committee's goals on the School Improvement ladder.

Keeping the stats – Boys' tennis coach Steve Lundholm records the scores at a tennis meet.

Let's Get Physical



photo by Kari Greenlee



photo by Janet Buckley

Physical Education Teachers – Steve Lundholm, Debbie Stetson, Dave Linder, and Ron Peterson.

Hoover's Physical Education Department consists of four teachers: Dave Linder, Steve Lundholm, Ron Peterson, and Debbie Stetson. During the 1995-96 school year all four have been recognized for their outstanding achievements as coaches and as players.

Physical Education instructor, Dave Linder was honored for his contributions to the sport of swimming this year when he was inducted into the Iowa Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame. Linder has coached boy's and girl's swimming at Hoover for 29 years. Linder said the accomplishment of which he is most proud is to have created an aquatic program that has been so well accepted by students. Also Linder said, "It's nice to be recognized by my peers for the time and effort I have put into coaching."

Steve Lundholm, probably the most versatile of all Hoover's physical education teachers, has coached 11 different sports during his many years at Hoover. He coached the Hoover varsity football team for 23 years, and he currently coaches boy's golf and boy's tennis. On November 17 Lundholm was honored for his achievements during the time

he played football at North High School when he was inducted into the High School Football Hall of Fame as a player.

Physical Education instructor Ron Peterson has been coaching cross country at Hoover for 10 years. Last fall he was named cross country state coach of the year, and cross country conference coach of the year for his outstanding coaching record. Peterson has also coached track, girls basketball and football at Hoover. Of all his achievements Peterson said, "I am most proud of the strong relationships I have with my athletes."

Debbie Stetson has taught at Hoover for 4 years. Stetson is the current cheerleading sponsor, this year she was selected to coach a cheer/dance squad from Iowa at the 1996 Air New Zealand Down Under Bowl in Australia. Stetson expressed excitement about coaching the Iowa squad. She said, "It's going to be the experience of a lifetime!" Aside from cheerleading, Stetson has also coached boy's and girl's tennis at Roosevelt for 11 years. This year Stetson was named Iowa High School Coach of the Year for her successful tennis season.



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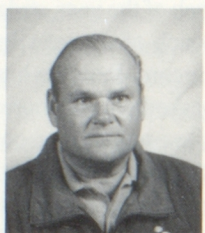
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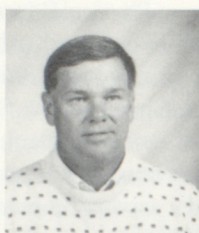
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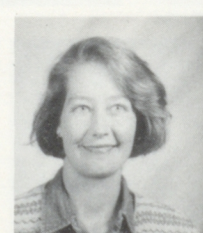
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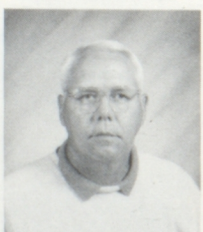
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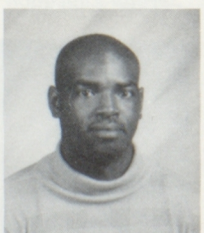
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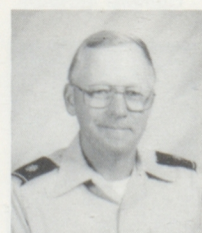
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Tom Sharratt
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Mary Slater
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Seniors only – Faculty members Dennis Cumpston and Billy Stone explain to sophomore Adam Crabb that only seniors can vote for next year's senior board officers.

Volume vs. Temperature – Science teacher Don Murphy explains the inverse relationship between volume and temperature to his second period Chemistry class on Nov. 8.

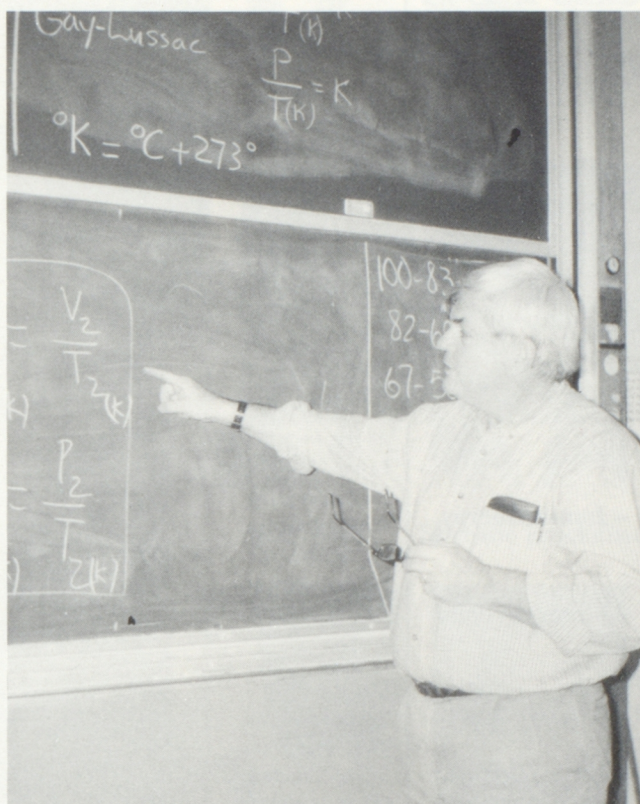


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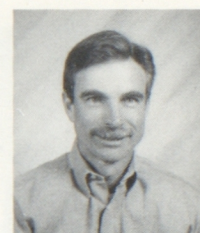
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Bob Wilkerson
Art



Miriam Woods
Science



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All you can eat – Art teacher Bob Wilkerson helps himself at the snack table in the teachers lounge on Dec. 22.

"It's all good." Jerry Leventhal's comment in reference to "Hamlet" in 6th period English class on Dec. 20.

"Someone stole my stamper! Welcome to bitchville!" Dawn Da Roney after realizing her stamp was gone on Dec. 19.

IT'S BEEN SAID...

"Yeah, but 2/3 of a pun is PU." Gerald Hollingsworth's retort after being called the King of Puns in 3rd period Spanish class on Dec. 13.

"Where's my duck?!?! It doesn't go there! I hate it when they move my duck." Laura Ahrendt freaks out after discovering her rubber duckie was misplaced on Dec. 22.

"Newman, you might just get a golf club wrapped around your head here in a minute!" Steve Koch's response to senior Dan Newman's frequent outbursts in 6th period Economics class on Nov. 1.

"I'm going to hang you by the hairs in your nose, I mean your nose hairs!" Carolyn Thune's threat to students who don't do their homework in 4th period Algebra II class on Jan. 4.

Not Pictured

Barbara Bell, *Custodian*
John Beyer, *Custodian*
Richard Brownell, *Custodian*
Charles Clark, *Custodian*
Dave Conrad, *Orchestra*
Ed Crutcher, *Custodian*
Judy Deutch, *Visually Impaired*
Cousonh Khantanh, *Custodian*
Sue Kneller, *Bookkeeping Assistant*
Brian Huff, *Social Science*
Maurice Lamay, *Custodian*
Jerry Lewis, *Custodian*
Bea Rouse, *Custodian*
Darrel Richardson, *Work Study*
Larry Thompson, *Custodian*
Jeorjette Twogood, *Custodian*
John Williams, *Custodian*
Dana Wester, *Foreign Lang.*
Carol Wieneke, *Special Ed.*
Nancy Winebrenner, *IMMC*

Forget Your Troubles

Freshmen tell what makes them happy.

Forget your troubles, and get happy! Almost everyone has something in his life that can make him smile, even on the days in life where it seems that nothing is going right. In a survey that asked what could make them forget their problems and get happy, the freshmen answered with a range of things, from money to people, or from talking to anything at all. Overall, most of the students surveyed had at least one thing in life that could turn the frown on their face into a smile at anytime.



photo by Jon Talcott

"Money!"

– Jonathan Soike

"T.V."

– Jamie Murray

"I don't know. It depends on what mood I'm in."

– Steve Schnoor

"Anything"

– Jeremy Woods

"Stuffed animals"

– Heather Thomas

"Getting good grades"

– Cortney Thompson

"Talking"

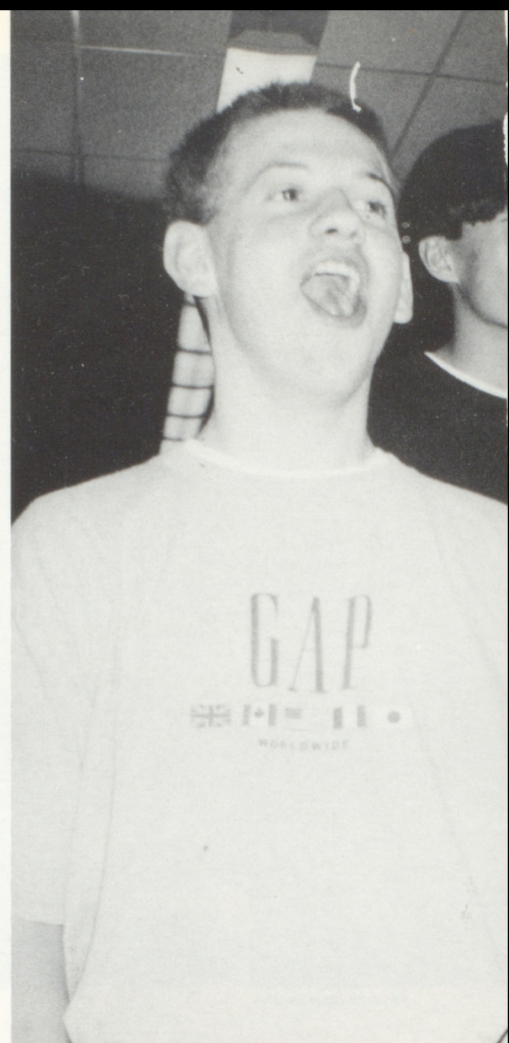
– Holly Mayer

"Nothing. I'm a very lonely child."

– J.D. Sharp

Love - Love – Freshman Jared Peterson warms up before his tennis match at Waveland tennis courts.

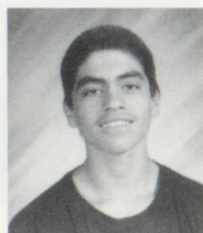
Do, Rae, Me – Freshmen Ben Talcott and Eric Sharp practice their singing skills during prep choir class.



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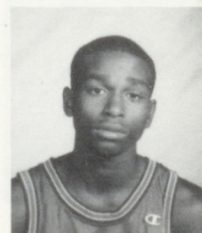
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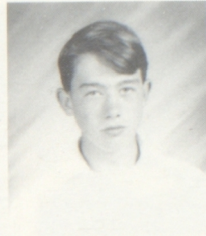
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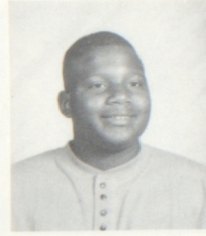
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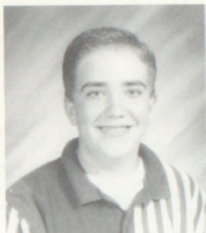
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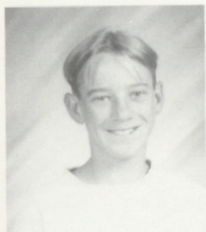
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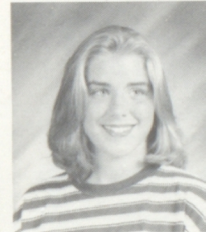
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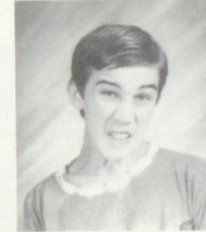
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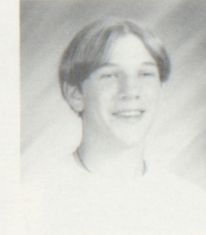
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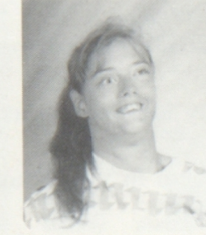
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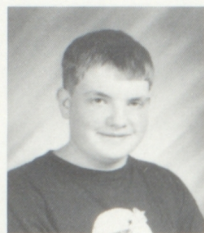
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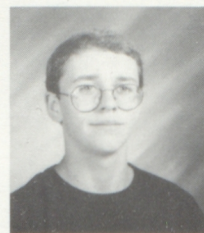
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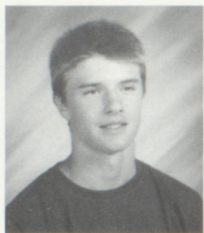
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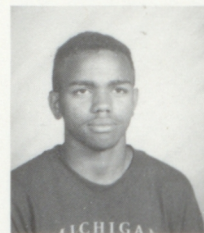
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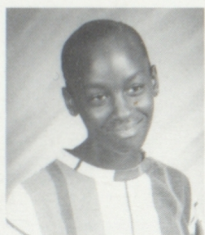
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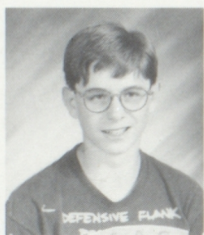
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Bradley Gibson



Kristen Gibson

Are You a True Freshman?

Take this quiz to find out if you have the qualities of a true freshman

1. What is the biggest difference between junior high and high school?

- a. The building is bigger, and there are a lot more students.
- b. Classes have homework; you need credits to graduate.
- c. You can chew gum in class.
- d. It's even more difficult to breathe in the bathroom.

2. How do you get to school?

- a. My parents drop me off at seven while they're on their way to work.
- b. I get a ride in my brother's beat-up Pinto.
- c. I walk. The exercise clears my lungs.
- d. My brand new Schwinn ten-speed or my Thrasher skateboard. Who can decide?

3. How are you adjusting to

high school?

- a. Great, I'm getting all "A"s.
- b. I live in fear of walking through the student center.
- c. Super, my mom still doesn't know they pass out report cards every six weeks.
- d. Well... I heard freshmen grades don't really count.

4. What were your greatest fears about coming to Hoover?

- a. Having someone find out that I'm here to learn.
- b. Getting lost on the first day of school.
- c. Having my locker searched for drugs.
- d. Seeing a gun in the locker next to mine.

5. What do you do on Friday night?

- a. Get a head start on my home-

work.

- b. Stay home with my little brother and watch TGIF.
- c. Work through Hooked On Phonics one more time.
- d. Have Mom drop me off at McDonald's so I can find a gang to hang with.

Scoring: a=4; b=3; c=2; d=1

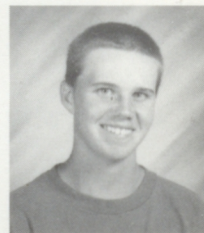
20-15: You're a wholesome, well rounded individual, and bound for success in highschool. You may have no social life, but that's OK. You'll be attending Harvard, while everyone else is working at McDonald's.

14-10: You have shown signs of intelligence, but are still pretty much an average freshman. Read up a bit, study hard and you'll be a success...maybe?

9-5: Congratulations, you are a true freshman. Your future is in question. Good luck in lasting until May of 1999.



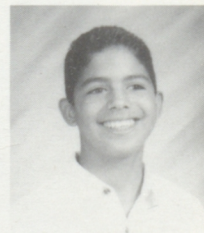
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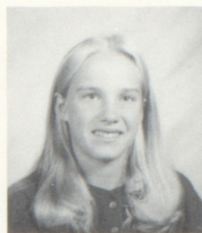
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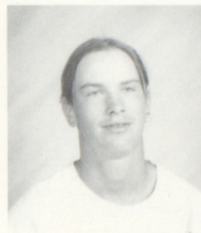
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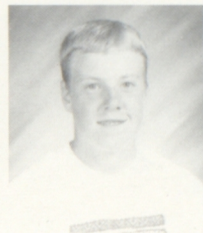
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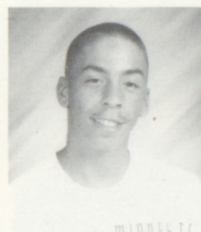
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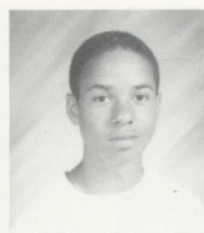
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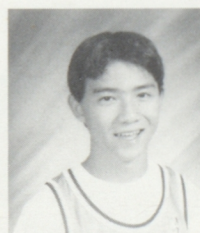
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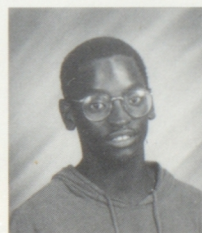
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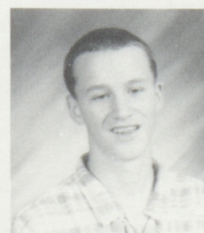
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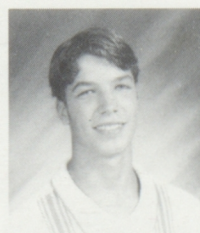
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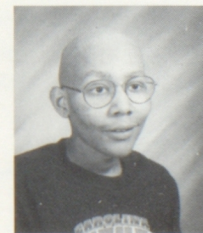
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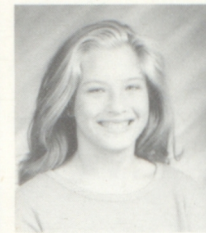
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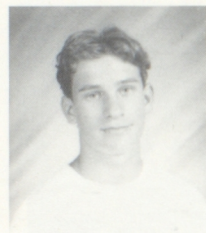
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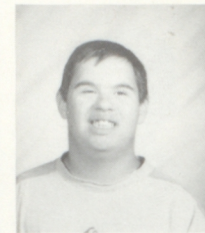
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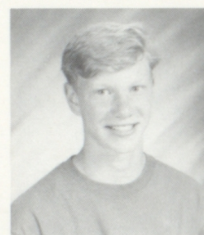
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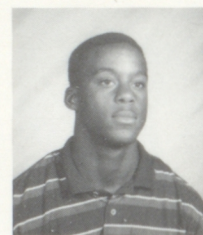
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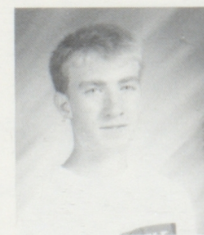
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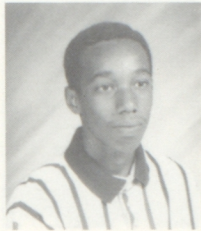


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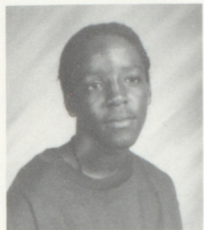
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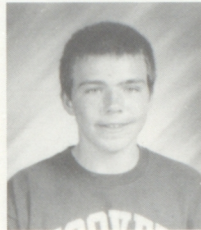
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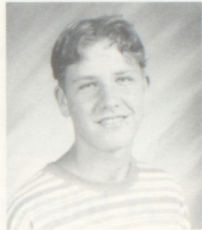
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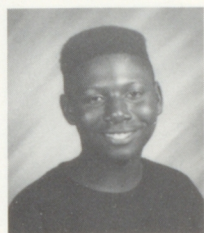
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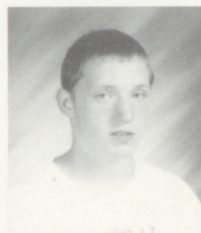
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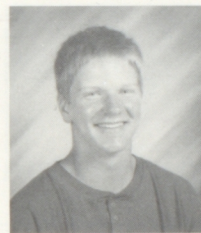
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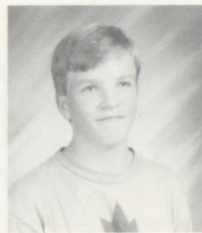
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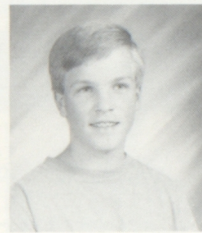
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And the Fighting Continues

Freshmen feel that racism still exists in the world and at Hoover



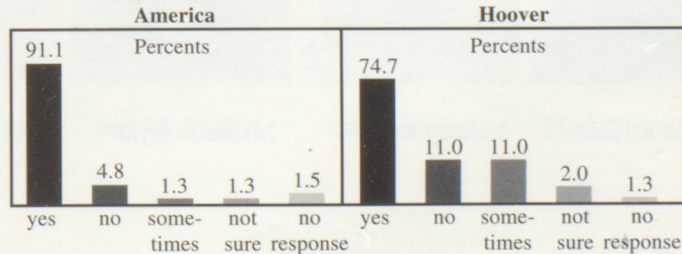
Lending a hand — Freshman Francisco Chambers receives some help on his computer assignment from a fellow student in the class.

How's the weather? — Taking a break from class, freshmen Sue Peterson, Pat McCarthy and Tiffany Burford take some time to talk to one another and see what's new.

Racism has always existed in the world. The problem has seemed to decline over the past decades, but as a recent survey of freshmen revealed, the problem is still very much alive in America, and at Hoover. "I think racism exists everywhere," one student said; "no matter where you go, you can never get around it." The survey also asked if they knew someone racist, and if that person was a relative. 67.3% of freshmen surveyed said they knew someone racist, out of that percentage, 31.3%

said the person was a relative. Freshmen had many opinions on the survey. Most of the students surveyed said racism existed at Hoover and in the U. S. These students surveyed had been at Hoover not even a year, yet they still said that racism was present in the school, whether in the classroom or among their peers. The survey suggested that there is still a way to go before we rid the world of the disease called racism.

Does racism exist in ...





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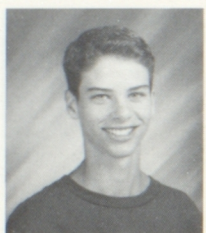
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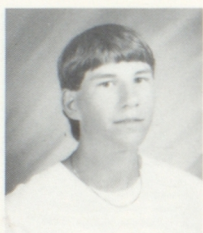
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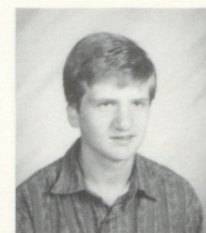
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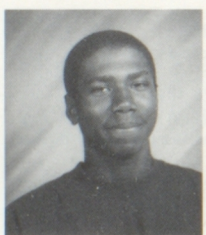
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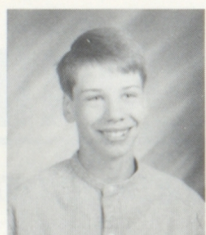
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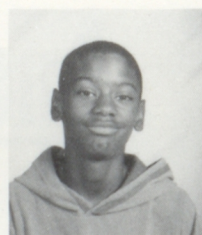
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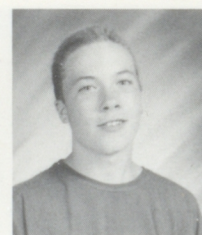
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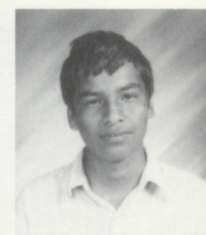
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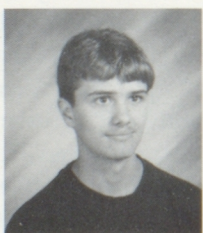
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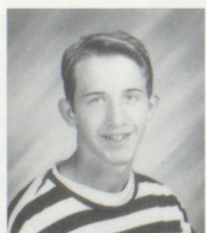
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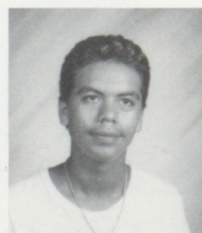
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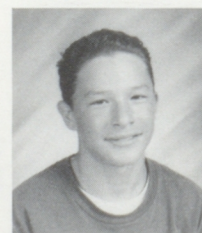
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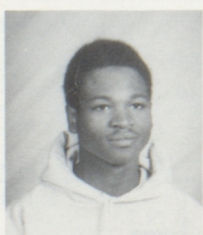
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Angelica Sample



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Is God Important or Irrelevant?

Survey shows were freshman rank religion in there everyday life.

In the past, civilizations have been built based upon it, wars have been fought over it, and standards of life have been judged by it. Religion and religious beliefs have been a major part of the worlds' history. But in recent years, as the morales, values and standards of families come into question, another question comes up; how important is religion to Americans these days? Religion used to be used as a foundation for many families to base their beliefs on. Religions would be used to guide families decisions and to provide a standard by which they could live. A recent survey showed that only a few more then half of the freshmen surveyed felt that religion played a significant role in their everyday life. Many students surveyed felt that religion was somewhat important, but that it does not play a significant role in society. Almost forty percent of the freshmen surveyed felt that religion was not very important to every day life.

How important is religion to you?

very important - 58%

somewhat important - 63%

not very important - 38%



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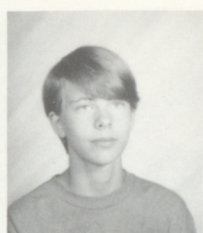
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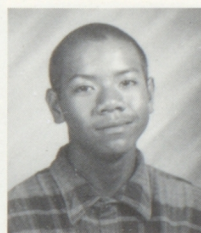
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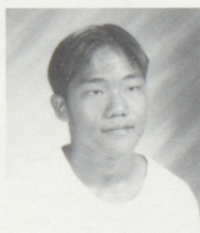
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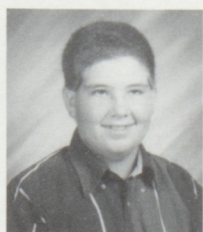
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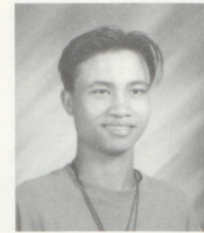
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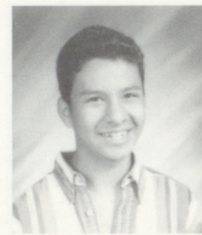
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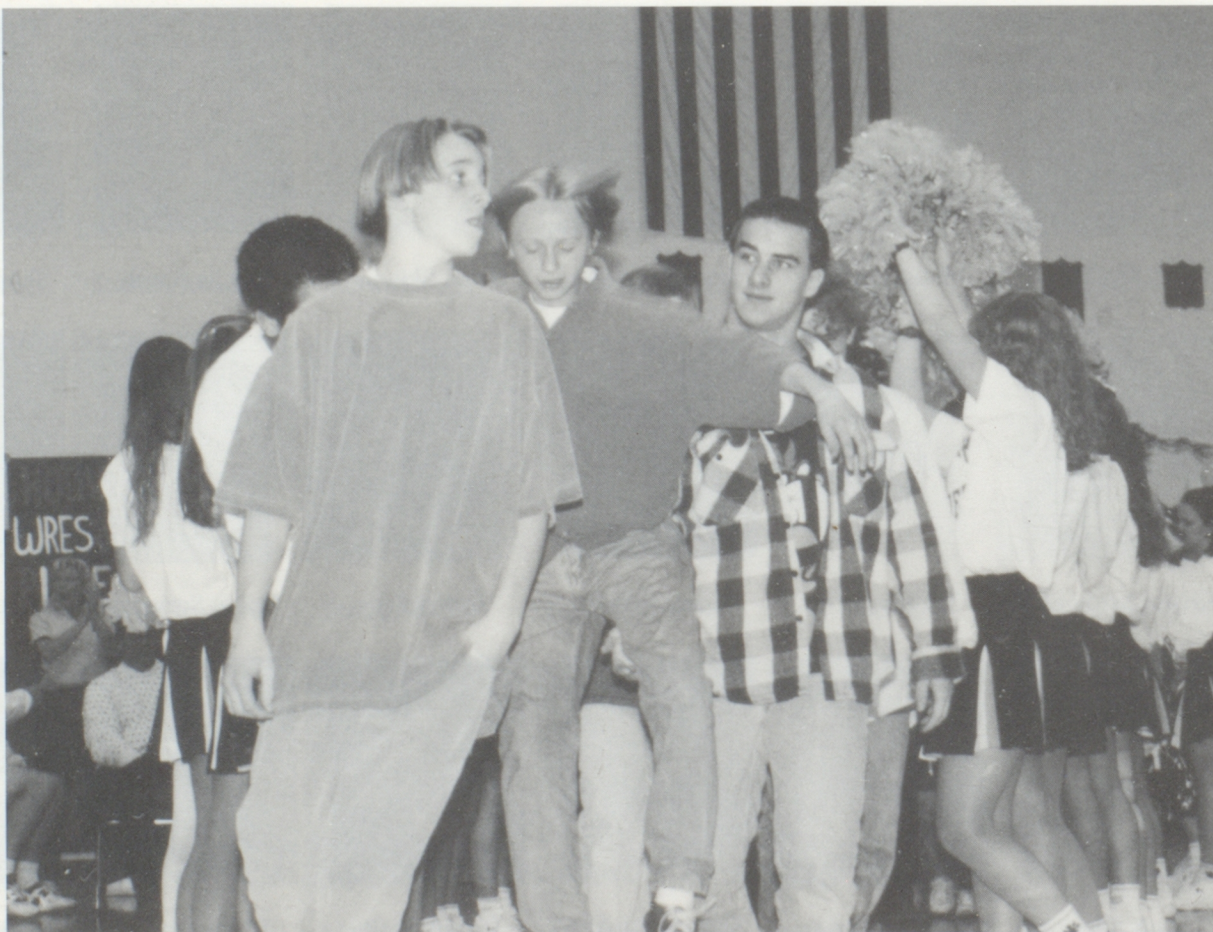


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Follow the others – Freshmen Jeff Wheeler and Jon Soike and junior Brandon Vanghn follow the wrestling team out of the cheerleaders' spirit tunnel at the winter pep assembly on Friday, Dec. 1.

Give me that! – Freshman J.D. Sharp tries to wrestle a love letter out of freshman Alex Groen's hand in between 5th and 6th period finals on Wed. June 5.



Ana Vasquez



Shannon Vick



Gabriela Villarreal



Amy Waggoner



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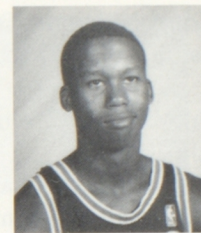
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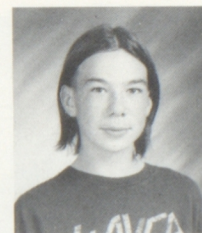
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Virginia Williams



Carrie Witte



Archie Wyman



Amanda Young



Oscar Zenteno

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 Monica Delgado
 Sandra Dzankovic
 Joshua Emerson
 Tasha Ervin
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 Alma Guerrero
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 Dawn Heathcote
 Jose Herrera
 Terrance Hill

Lorena Huerta
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 Francisco Jurado
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 Winnie Leanos
 Richard Lloyd
 Nathaniel Logan
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 George Miller
 Demarco Mosby
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 Miroslav Pranjkvic
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 Luis Sanchez
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 Andrew Simpson
 Bryan Simpson
 Mario Soto
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 Nakisha Winfrey
 Jeremy Woods
 Cesar Zuniga

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Sophs Act Out, Make Their Mark

Sophomores Beth Soike and Ann Marie Hansen Take Drama Seriously

Elizabeth Soike and Ann Marie Hansen are two of the leading ladies in the Hoover drama department. They have been active in drama for all of their high school careers.

Soike has participated in "It's a Wonderful Life", the Improv Fest, state large group contest, "Commedia IX", and she portrayed the infamous Veruca Salt in Hoover's production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

Hansen was in Commedia VIII & IX, "It's a Wonderful Life", state large group contest, and also was in the Improv Olympics. Both of them are active in cheerleading, and many other activities.

Soike said of her future plans, "I plan on studying supernatural activity and paranormal psychology."

Hansen said of her future, "I don't really care as long as I am happy."

"A fond memory of mine is when senior Jake Smith hit me really hard in the face about 4,000 times during the Improv Fest," Soike said. "Another memory is playing Veruca Salt in 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'; it was a really fun role," she said.

Hansen said, "I enjoyed pushing senior Rich Nagel around in a wheelchair during 'It's a Wonderful Life'."

Both are active outside of school also. Soike said she's a fanatic when it comes to horse riding. She takes riding lessons at Fox Field stables, where she rides a horse named Gyp and will start doing shows this spring.

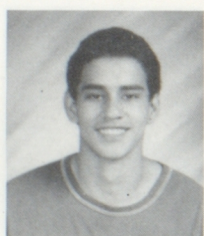
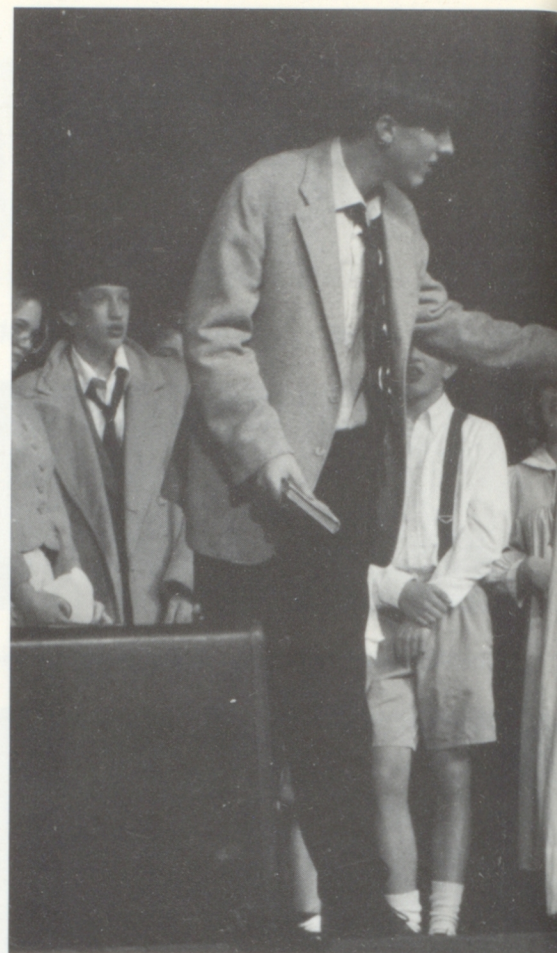
Hansen participates in dance. She takes dance lessons at Van Cleve Studios.



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Before the show—Alissa Knoell and Ann Marie Hansen share a laugh before going on stage for "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

Getting fatherly advice—Beth Soike listens to her stage dad, Tim Sipma, in "It's a Wonderful Life."



Arturo Aguayo



Yecenia Aguayo



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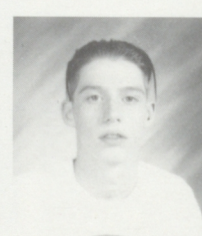
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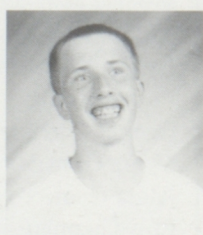
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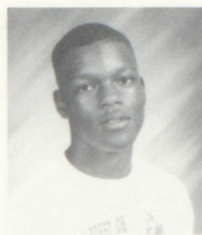
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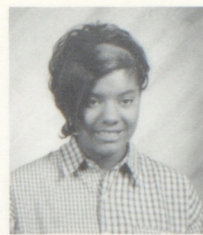
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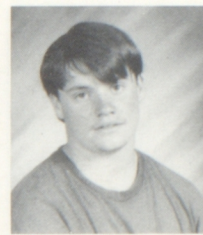
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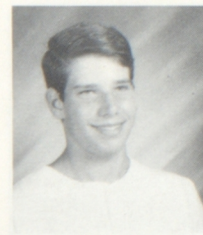
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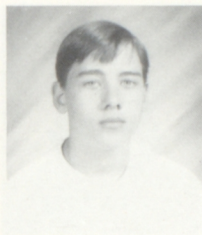
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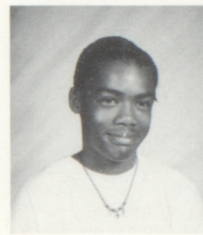
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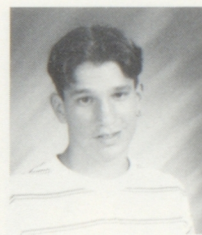
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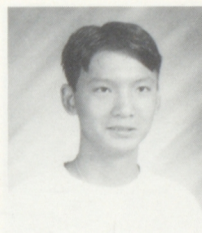
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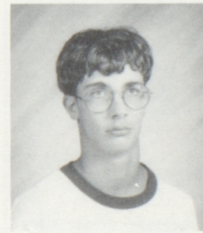
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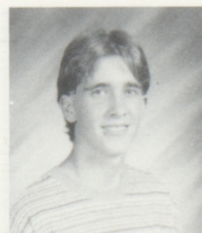
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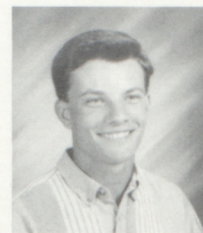
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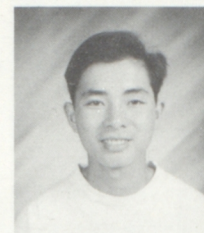
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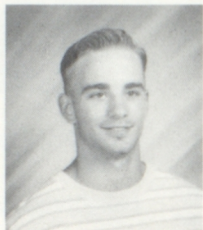
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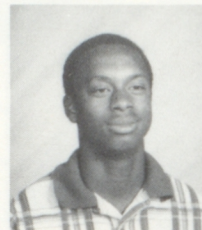
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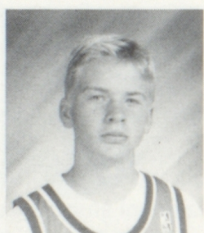
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Sophs Sum Up Year

The sophomores rate their second year at HHS

"It is an exciting adventure avoiding the 'Sophomore Treatment'."

— Beth Soike

"It sucks; can't drive."

— Nick Simonini

"It's Grrrrrrrrreat, like Frosted Flakes."

— Alissa Knoell

"Everything comes naturally to me; it's really easy."

— Colin Johnson

"It's hard, man. The classes are so much harder, I'm sick of it already."

— Chone Phiathep

"Being a sophomore is the best thing to ever happen to me. I love my school; I want to be a sophomore for the rest of my life. Right here at Hoover."

— Lee Gannon

"It's really groovy."

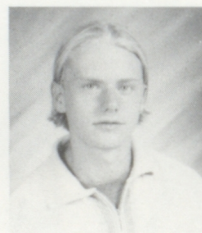
— Aimee Ramsey

"I like it alright, but my boyfriend Nick makes it a lot better."

— Amanda Bolte

"It doesn't really bother me. It was tough at first, but now I'm used to it."

— Brian Heiden



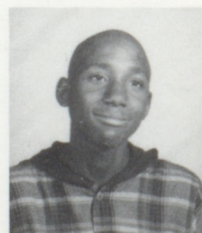
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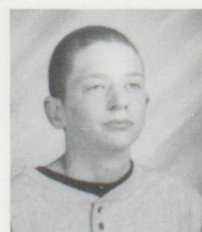
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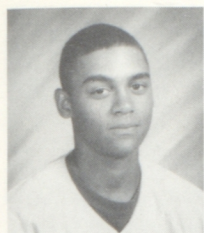
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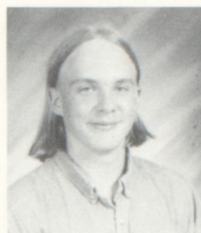
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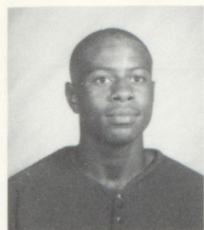
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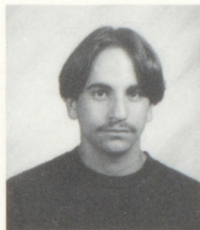
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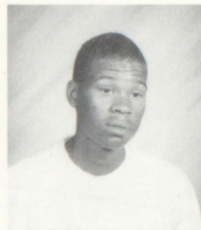
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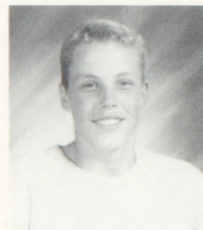
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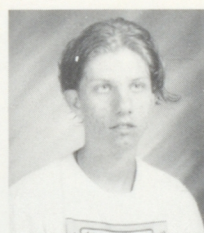
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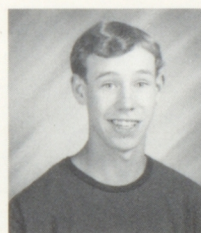
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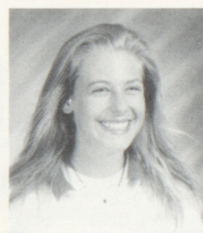
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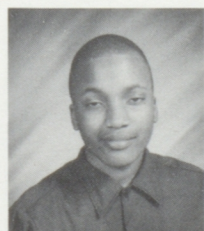
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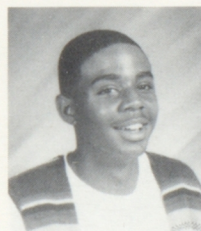
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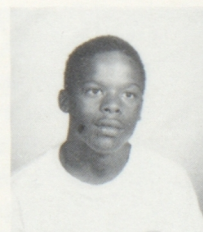
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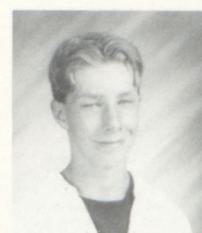
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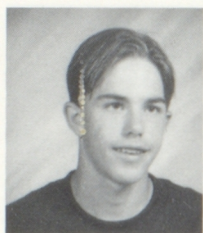
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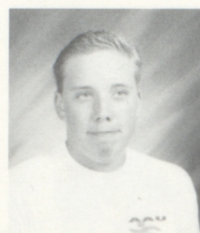
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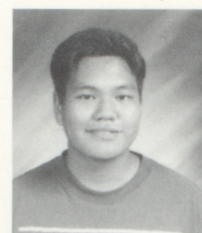
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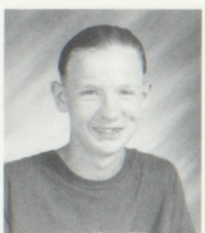
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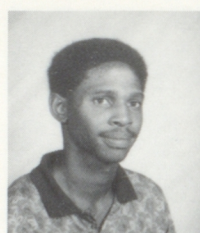
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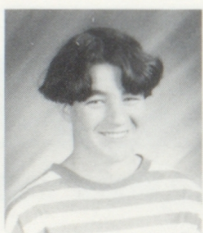
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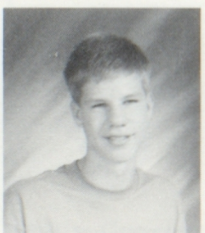
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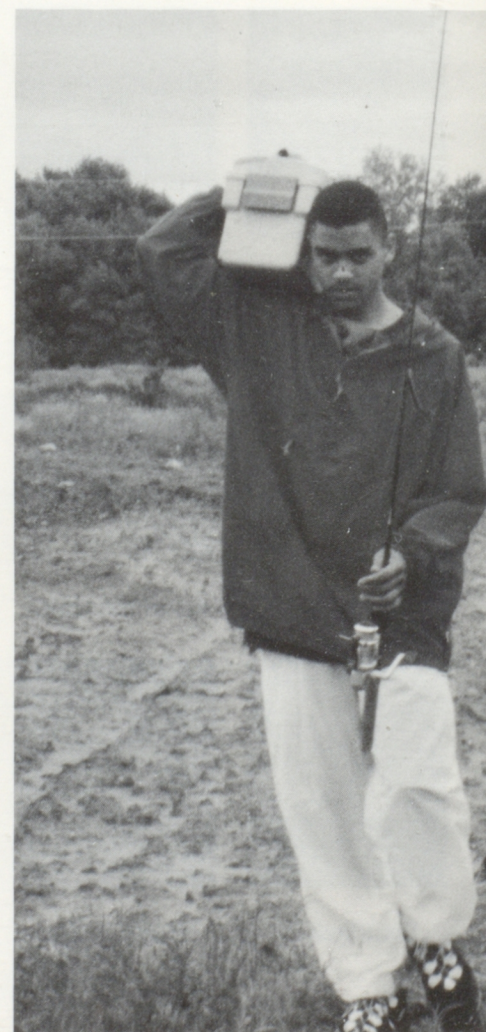
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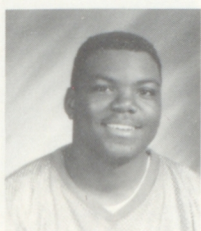
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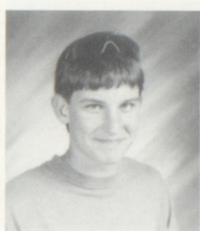
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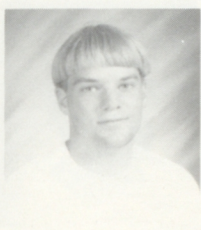
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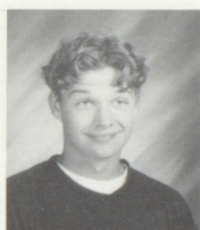
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Something Smells Fishy

Fishing is the weekend sport of choice for a group of sophomores.

After a hectic week of school, work, parents, and sports, it's time to relax and have fun. A group of four sophomore guys, Brian Foster, Dave Newman, Nick Simonini and TJ Welton, spend this time relaxing their favorite way; getting together and going fishing. Most of these guys have been fishing their whole lives. "My grandpa has a pond on his farm, so I've pretty much been fishing every since I was a little kid," Simonini said.



photo by Marci Simonini

"Fishing is easy to do. All you need is a rod, reel, some bait, and patience," Foster said. He also said that skills wouldn't hurt to have either.

The favorite place for these four guys to fish is the Pits. "You can catch some big bass there," Welton said. The ponds at the Pits have many different fish in them, but the favorites of the foursome to catch are bass, walleyes, and

Where's the hwag?—Nick Simonini tries to bring home a 10lb. hawg bass to hang on his wall.

That's a wrap—After three hours and no luck, Brian Foster and David Newman calls it a day.

crappies. "I like the feel of a big tug on the end of my line," Simonini said.

According to Foster, the best time to go fishing is usually around dawn or dusk. A typical day of fishing for this group usually starts in late afternoon. The amount of time they spend out fishing depends on if the fish are biting that day or not. "We spend about three hours walking around the ponds. If we don't catch anything, we leave. If we do, we might stay until after dark," Newman said. The day is spent walking around the pond, changing lures, and waiting. "You need a lot of patience to be a fisherman," Welton said.

When first starting out to fish, Foster offers this advice, "If you're not catching anything after about ten minutes, change your lure. After about thirty minutes, move to a new area."

When asked about the best way to be a fisherman, Simonini said, "It's all individual. There is no best lures, no best rod, no best spot to fish. It all about what works best for you and what you personally like best."



Tyson Olson



Christina Patramanis



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Richard Peters



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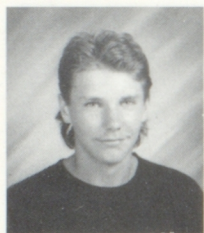
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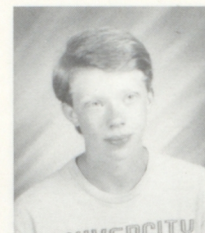
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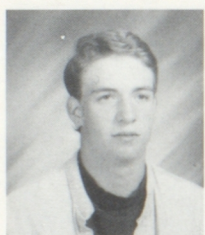
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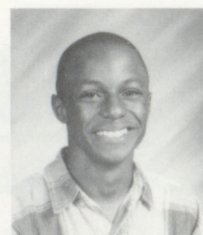
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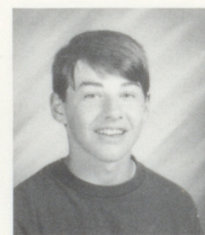
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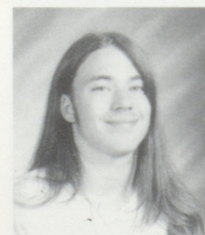
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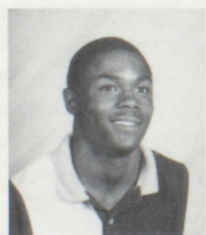
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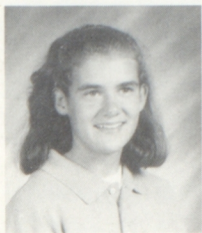
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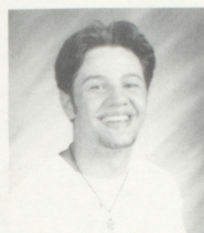
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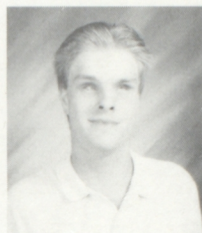
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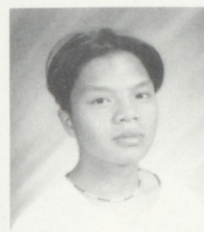
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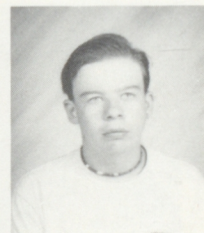
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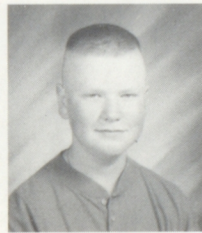
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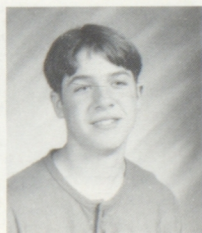
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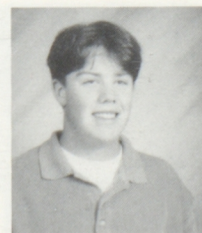
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Sarah Wilson



Mary Wood



Matthew Woods

Sophs Tell Future Plans

What do you see yourself doing after high school?

"I plan to serve and protect our great nation in times of need. God bless America."

— Lee Gannon

"To graduate from high school, to go to college, and to get a good job."

— Amie Hedrick

"I don't care, as long as I've got money, money, money."

— Alissa Knoell

"To win the Nobel Peace Prize; yes, the Nobel will be mine."

— Ryan Baldwin

"To make it big on Broadway."

— Ann Marie Hansen

"To be the starting quarterback for the Iowa Barnstormers."

— Nate Curl

"I plan on attending college and play basketball. I'll spend the weekends fishing with Nick (Simonini) and Brian (Foster)."

— T. J. Welton

"I want to play basketball in college and then get married and have a big family; maybe I'll be a nurse."

— Maggie Beavers

"In the future, I plan to go to college, travel a lot, and have a family."

— Karen Lueder

I want to go to college and take veterinary medicine.

— Tynieka Scott

Not Pictured

Carlos Alvarado
Kikkeu Chanthavong
Craig Clark Jr.
Dao Diep
Tamekia Hill
Lawanda Jones
Brandy Jordan
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Erick Lutchman
David Lutchman Jr.
Eli Mannion
Latasha Matlock
Francis Melton
Tien Phan
Kylie Proctor
Michael Sears

Harry Stanley
Charles Sutton
Jennifer Throckmorton
Tiano Turner
Tien Vo
Nicole Ware

Juniors Study For Better Future

What classes do juniors spend the most time on?

Chemistry, Pre Calculus/Trigonometry, English, American History, and electives, this is the class load of the average junior. It is easy to see why a majority of juniors agreed this is their toughest year in high school academically. Steve Whiney said this is his hardest year, "because this is the time to get involved, and it's hard to do that and to do the class work too."

With this being their hardest year, most juniors, almost 75 percent, said that Chemistry was their hardest class, followed by Trig, and English was third.

One problem that goes along with having hard classes is the homework. When sked how much time they spent on homework each night, the juniors gave answers that ranged from four and a half hours at the most to an hour at the least, while others have homework they don't get all done. Cody Peer said, "I'm not sure, how much home work I have nightly, but I know it's alot more than I actually do."

Crystal Coleman added, "It seems to me that my teachers aren't concerned with what other classes assign, they assign work, and they want it to get done."

Despite all the homework, most juniors believe academics are important. Chance Hulten feels, "(academics) are as important as the Swimsuit issue is to Sports Illustrated."

Nga Lam said, "Academics are very important, because they're the basis of your career."

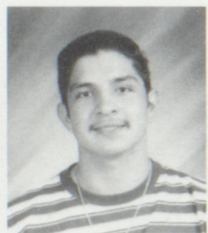
Amanda Camp summed up by saying, "Academics are important now for a good career later on in life."



photo by Nic Hoover

Hitting the books— Junior Todd Carber studies for a spanish test that he is about to take.

Helping each other out— Juniors Libby Mace and Courtney McCormick decorate for the Student of all Seasons assembly on



Jesus Aguayo



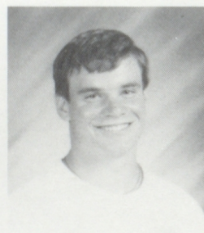
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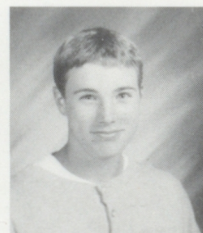
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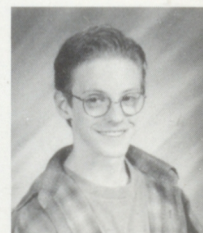
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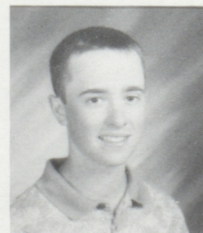
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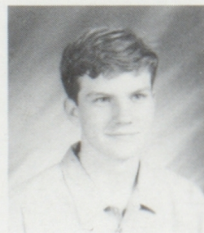
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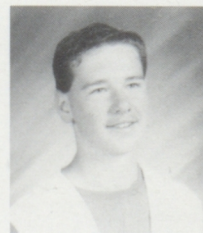
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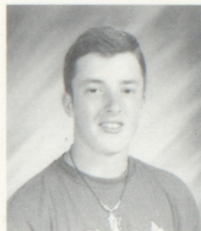
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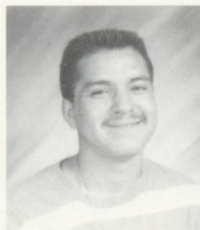
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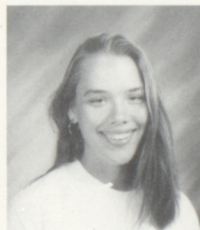
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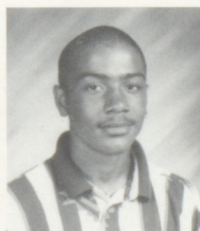
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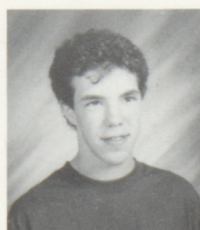
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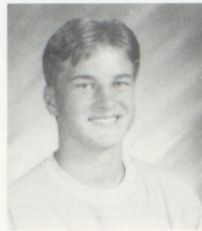
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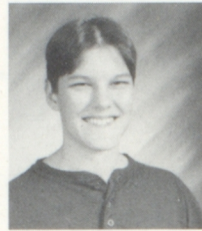
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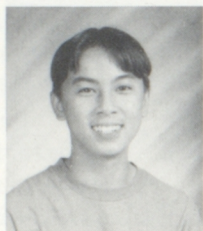
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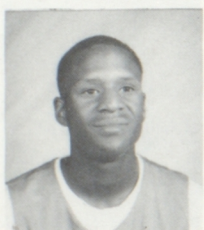
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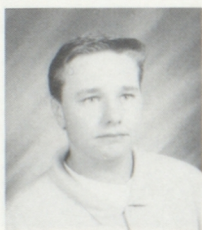
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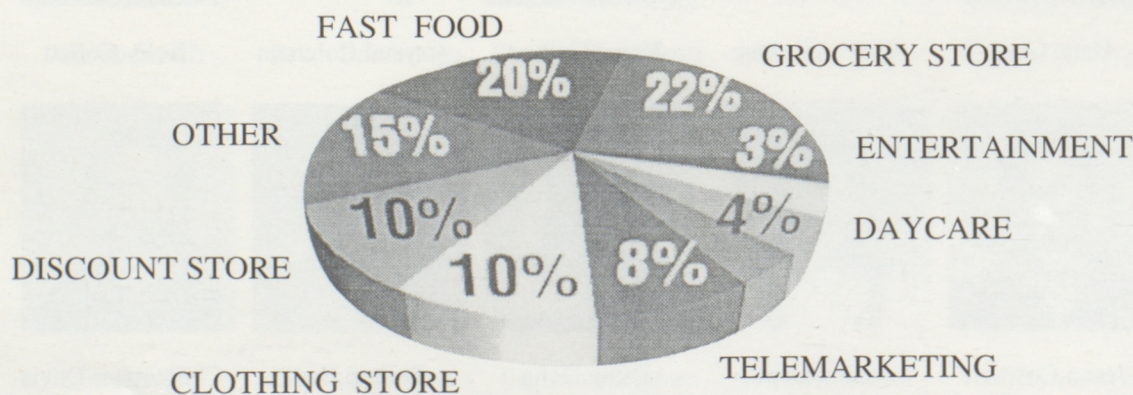
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Work it Baby!

Where are the juniors working?

Work. No one really likes to work, but if you want money, you are more than likely going to have to get a job and work to get it. Out of the 248 juniors in the junior class, 113 responded to a survey that asked how many of them had jobs and where they were employed. Every person who responded said that they were employed. The most common places of employment for the students that answered the survey were grocery stores or fast food restaurants. Other common places were clothing stores, movie theaters, daycares, and discount stores.

Where do you work?



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Christina Harris



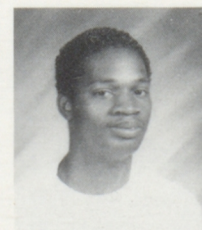
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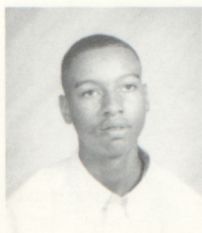
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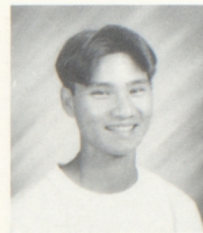
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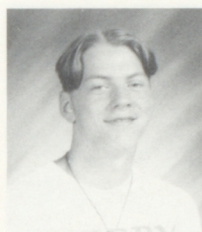
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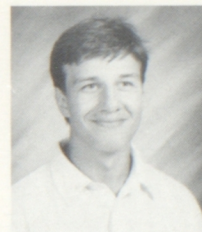
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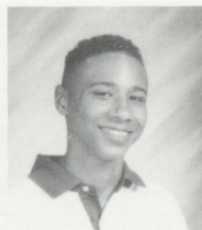
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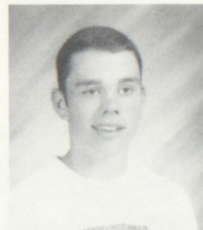
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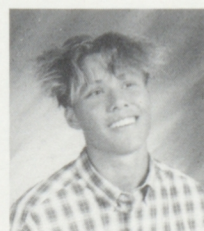
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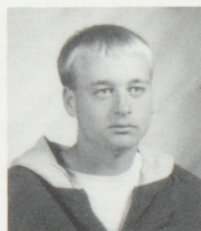
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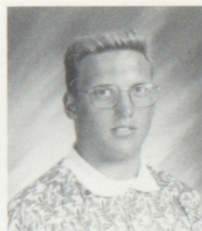
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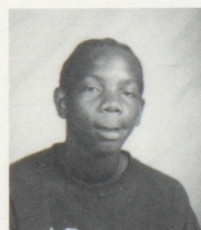
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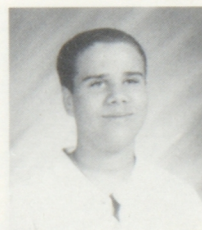
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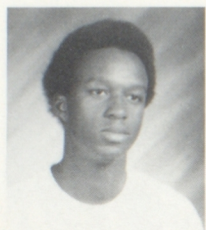
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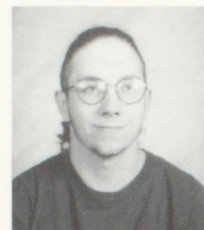
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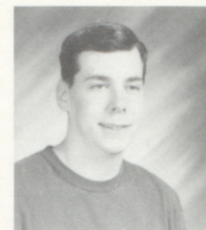
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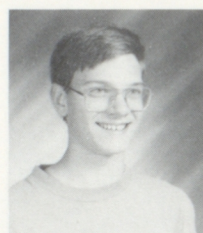
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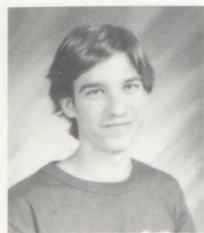


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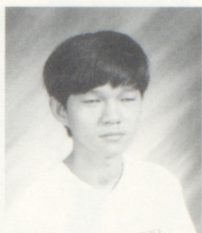




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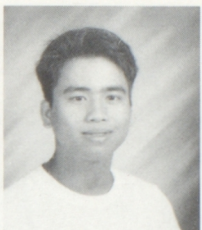
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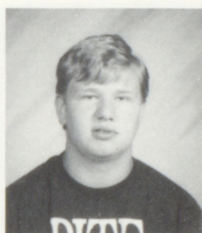
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Juniors Do Something Extra

What do juniors do with their spare time?

School is not all about academics. There are many other activities to get involved in to show support for your school, while having a good time too. From sports to drama to clubs, there are a variety of extra-curricular activities at Hoover to get involved in. These activities not only offer the chance to meet new people, but they also provide the opportunities to learn new skills, such as leadership and sportsmanship. Out of the 248 juniors that were surveyed, 76 people responded to a survey asking what people did in their spare time. Out of those 76 people that responded, 64 of them said that they were involved in some kind of extra-curricular activities.



photo by Jon

To the Green – April Taylor looks to get the ball over the hill and on to the green at a girl's golf meet.

What do you feel like? – Bridget Evans, Kathi Buckley, and Courtney McCormick take a break from decorating for the Homecoming assembly to decide where to go for lunch.

for these activities. Many of the students say that it helps them out to be involved in activities. They say that being involved in so many things helps them to organize their time better and be more responsible. Junior Jon Talcott was asked how do these activities affect your school work, he said, "They make scheduling your time very important."

Many of the juniors also feel that they gain a great deal by being involved. Junior Theresa Hedrick said, "I learn important skills, (cooperation, dedication, communication, making friends and having fun)."

Even though the majority of the juniors feel that being in extra-curricular activities is a positive experience, some feel that being so busy can be a down fall. Junior Steve Whitney said, "It's not fair, nor easy to balance school work, and those activities, Often times, they are highly over-rated."



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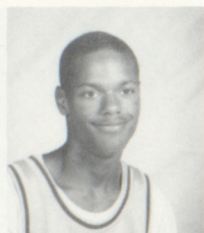
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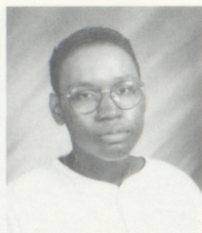
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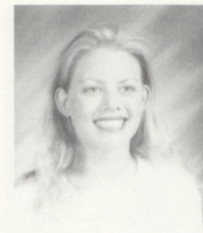
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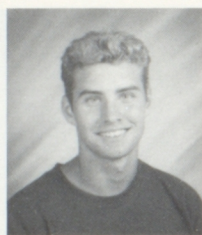
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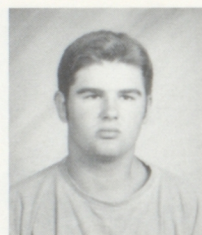
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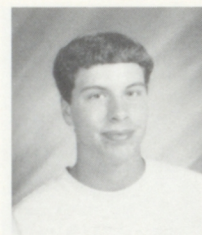
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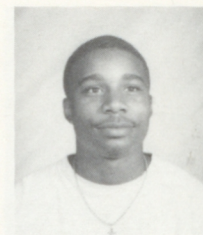
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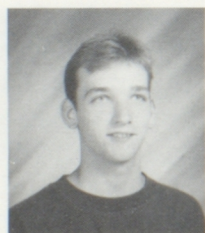
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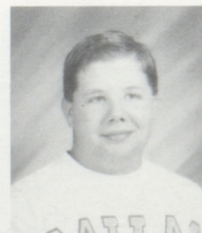
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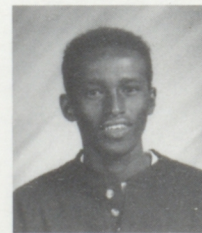
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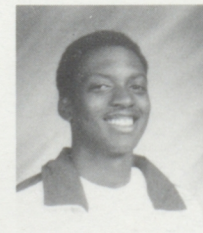
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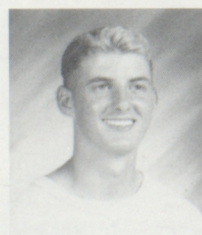
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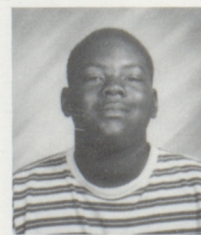
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Juniors Wish They Were Seniors

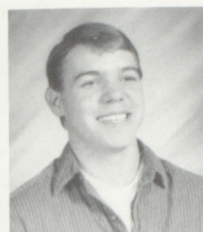
Juniors reveal what their looking forward to in '97?



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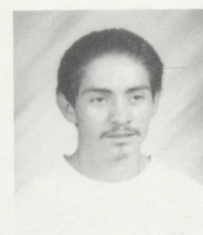
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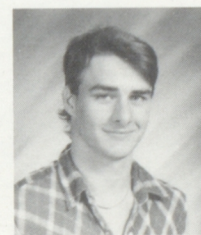
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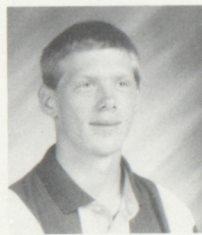
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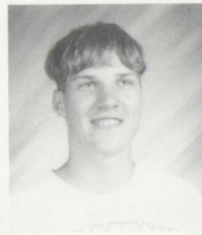
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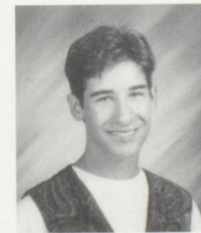
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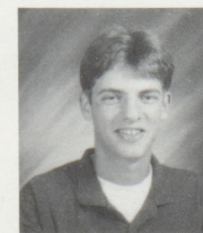
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"Getting rid of the Seniors."

– Robert Allison

"I look forward to graduating."

– Destiny Schipman

"I'm looking forward to slacking off."

– Chris West

"Being the oldest and having people look up to me."

– Jake Bailiff

"I'm looking forward to the power as a senior."

– Rommel Kizer

"I look forward to running the show."

– Magan Harris

"Giving the boot to the Senior class."

–Scott Johnson

"I look forward to being at the top and becoming the best class that ever came through Hoover."

– Nikki Johnson

"I'm looking forward to it being my last year in high school, and going to college and meeting new friends."

– Wendy Wilson

"Hopefully finally it's the year that everything will come together and I'll get things done."

– Nga Lam

Not Pictured

Tiffany Camus
T'Komo Dabner
Orlando Dominguez
Rudell Farley
Jessica Foster
Francisco Guerrero
Kelly Karsten
Wynetta McDonald
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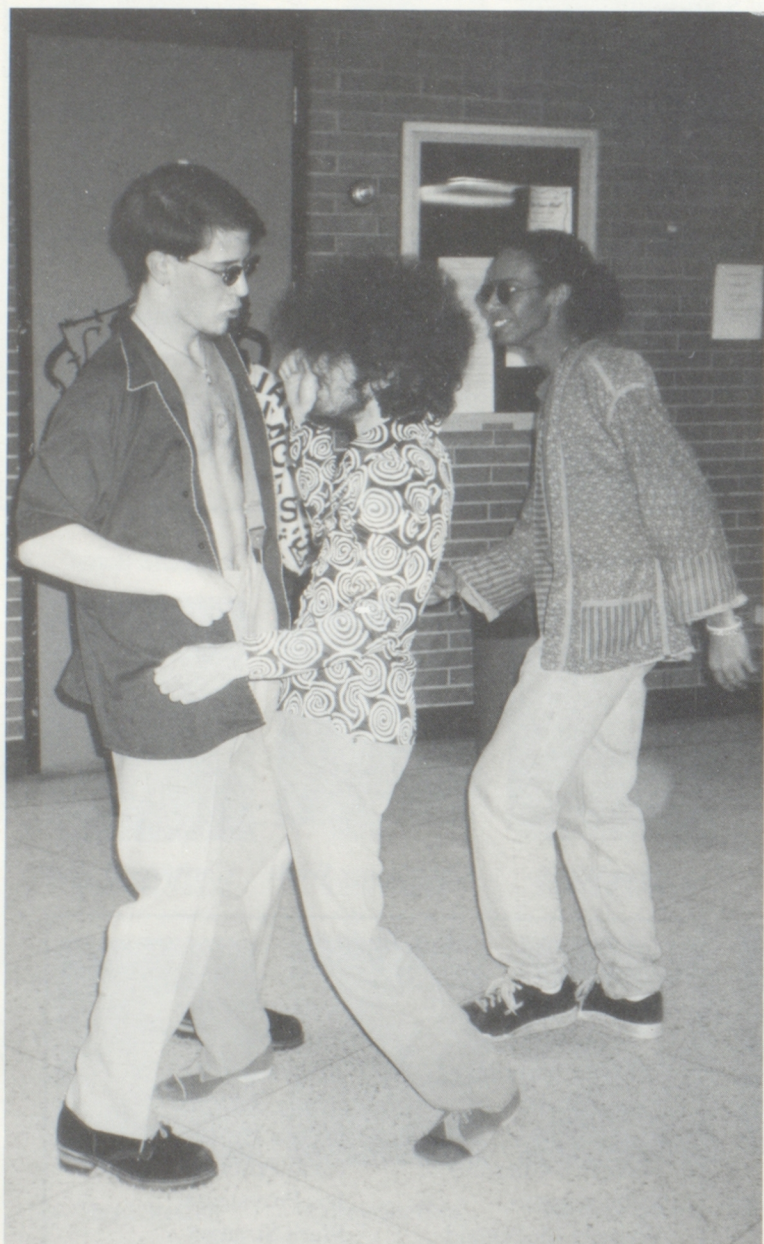
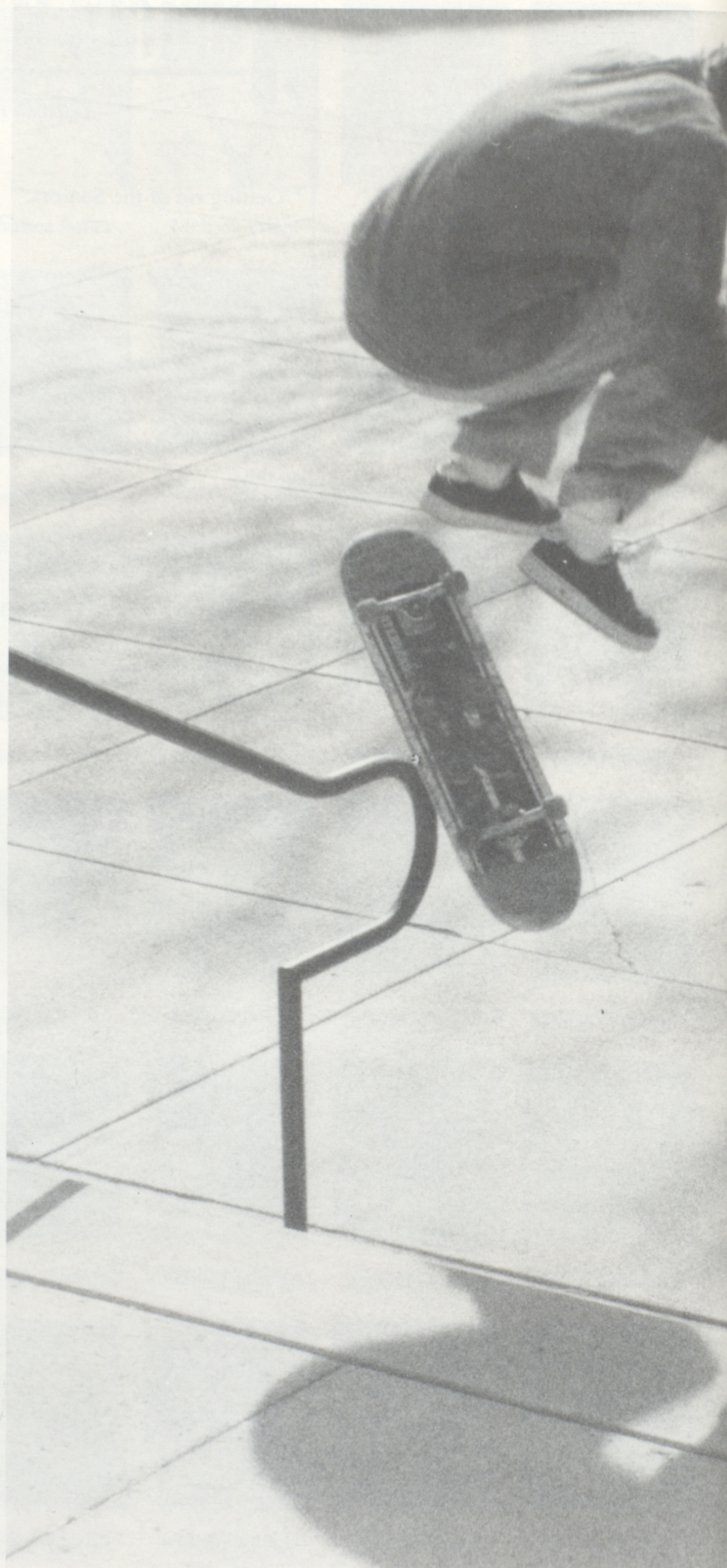


photo by Amy Lee

Dirty Dancing — Seniors Jake Smith and Rich Nagel dance close for the dance contest while senior Jolyon Thomas watches in the background during second lunch on Disco Day of Spirit Week, Thurs., Feb. 22.

Flying high — Senior Chad Murray demonstrates his skateboarding moves with ease on the stairway on a spring day. Murray skateboards in his free time with fellow senior Nate Kirstin.





Over & Out

The moment has finally come, to remember what we've done here at Hoover as we fly into the new light of the dawn spreading out before us. But who could ever forget the monumental years we spent here? Who could forget walking through the doors as freshmen, uncertain as to where to use our elevator tickets to get to the third floor?

On the encouragement of upperclassmen, many of us found ourselves getting involved in various after-school activities and taking some ownership in shaping what Hoover was to become. We began to test our individual strengths and try new things that we wouldn't have normally done in the past. The time came for us to get our driver's licenses. Most of us embraced this and found ourselves fighting for a parking spot in the modern gravel student parking lot. Junior year with Mr. Murphy in chemistry and all our other classes went by as we looked forward in anticipation of our senior year.

Finally it came. Senior year. From music to sports to drama to academics, we showed that we are a diverse group of people, capable of leading Hoover in many different ways. Many memories were made that will not soon be forgotten. Things like Mr. Koch and government/economics. Or how about our cross-country team that took many to state? Who could forget the five seniors who worked hard and finally made it to All-State in music? How about the many performers who made it to All-State drama? The list goes on and on with the many accomplishments and memories we have made this year. Some we will remember fondly while others we may choose to forget; but through it all these memories have helped shape us into who we are today.

Most importantly though, we will remember the people. The faces of our friends who have helped us make it through school and all that life threw at us. If it wasn't for them, where would we be today? They have provided a solid foundation for us; no matter what happens after we graduate, we will always be remembered in the pages of this book. The year is over, it's time to head out. We're outta here.

photo by Kathi Buckley

Murray and Kirstein are totally board

Skateboarding is a exciting pastime that gives a thrill to two seniors

The sun is hot. Firmly planted are the feet on the board, as it gains momentum. The world rushes by, a blur of colors. Before the body is able to adjust, the board has left the safety of the ground and soars into the air. Flying, a euphoric feeling overcomes all the senses.

It's because of this feeling and rush, that seniors Chad Murray and Nathan Kirstein decided to skateboard. Murray explained this feeling. "I skate because it gives me a euphoric, orgasmic feeling. Knowing that when I leave the ground I may never return, gives one a rush that cannot be duplicated," Murray said.

Both Murray and Kirstein have been skateboarding approximately two years. Murray said he usually skates with others but occasionally will skate solo. "If I'm by myself and I feel I need to do something, I go out and skate," Murray said.

Kirstein said there have been a variety of people who have influenced him in his skateboarding. He said, "Some pro-skaters like Willy Santos and Jeremy Wray really stoke me out. I also like to chill with my local bros: Jade Townsend, Joe Ramirez and Chad Lopez."

Neither Murray or Kirstein believe safety and equipment are big issues. Murray said he goes through boards about every three weeks and doesn't like to

use pads. Kirstein said, "I don't use a particular type of board. I just ride one until it breaks and then I buy a new one." When it comes to moves, they both have a variety. Murray listed his moves as "kickflips", "heelflips", "frontside 180", "backside 180", and "nollies."

Murray encouraged others to start skateboarding. When asked what advice he would give others who are interested he said, "Do it. You may not have the natural talent, but it will come with time." Kirstein said, "Don't worry about anyone else's style, develop your own. Skate whenever you can."



photo by Kathi Buckley

Flipping out — Senior Nate Kirstein practices his skateboarding moves outdoors.



Ayesha Abdullah



Sally Allan



Brandi Allen



Kyle Bailey



Jeff Bash



Betsy Bellon



Adriene Blythe



Melissa Boatwright



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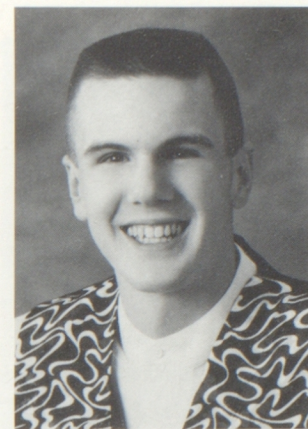
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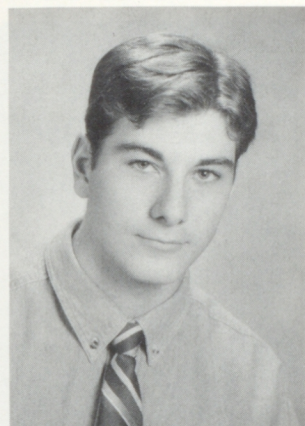
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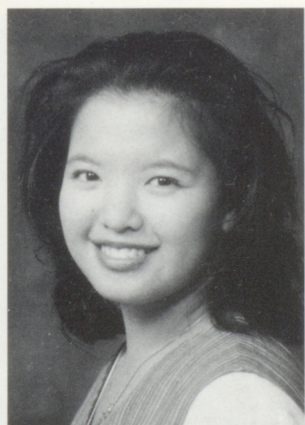
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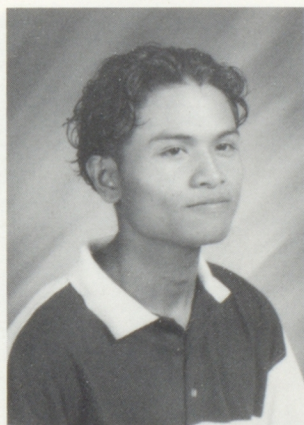
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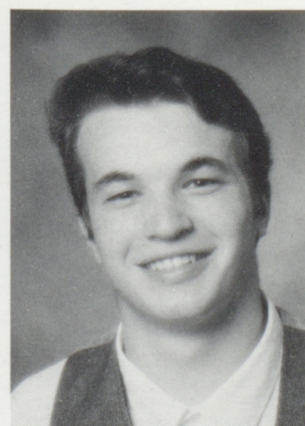
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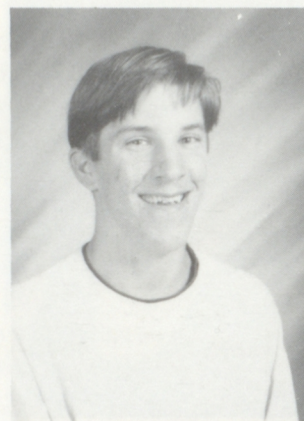
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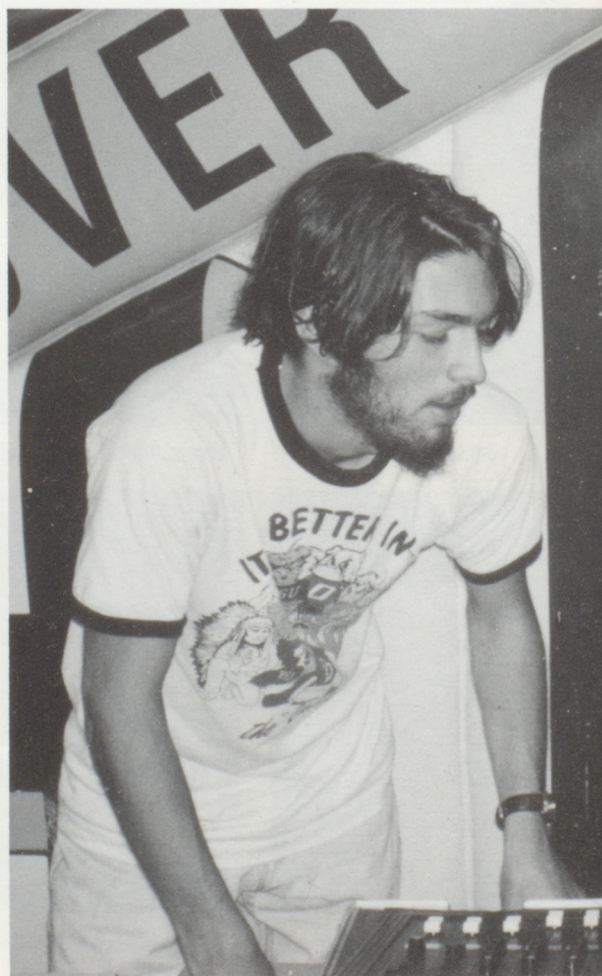
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Pump It up — Seniors Veronica Brown and Katie McGrath fire up the crowd at the Hoover vs. Ankeny game at Ankeny.

Hittin' the books — Seniors Aaron Thiese and Katy Tyrrell are hard at work in Jerry Leventhal's AP english class sixth hour.



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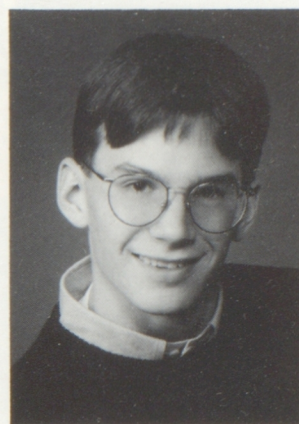
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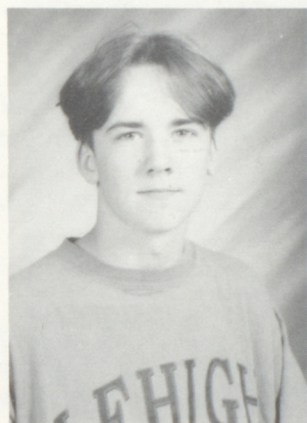
Max Faust



Holly Feickert



Patrick Fergus



Philip Finn



Sarah Ford



Jared Gilbert



Christina Gipple

All That's Said

"Quit showing off!" *Cathy Claycomb's* advice to sophomore Amy Peterson during swim practice on Monday, Oct. 23.

"Do they have to bring in new chairs for you to sit in?" *Amy Hanlon's* question to Angela Neve when Neve expressed anxiety about chair placement auditions at the All-State Music Festival during lunch on Monday, Nov. 13.

"With my luck, I'll get married and she'll just want to be friends." *Jake Smith's* comment to sophomore Elizabeth Soike at Perkins.

Sound off- Senior Rich Nagel helps Linda Vanderpool with mic levels at the the Homecoming assembly on Friday, Sept. 29.

"Look at my vagina!" *Beth Burnquist's* request for Nic Hoover and Dave Peterson to look at her drawing of the female menstrual cycle in Don Perschau's Biology II class on Thursday, Oct. 26 during sixth period.

"I am not naked underneath my clothes." *Jared Gilbert's* comment during a discussion in Don Perschau's seventh hour Biology II class on Nov. 27.

"I want to stay in ISS." *Katie Streeter* comments on the pleasant atmosphere and work load in the In-School Suspension room after her brief stay there, during Steve Koch's second period Advanced Government class on Nov. 29.

"Why the long face?" *Jolyon Thomas* delivers the punchline of a joke about a horse on the bus to the SWCC Jazz Festival in Creston for Harmony, on Saturday, Feb. 17.

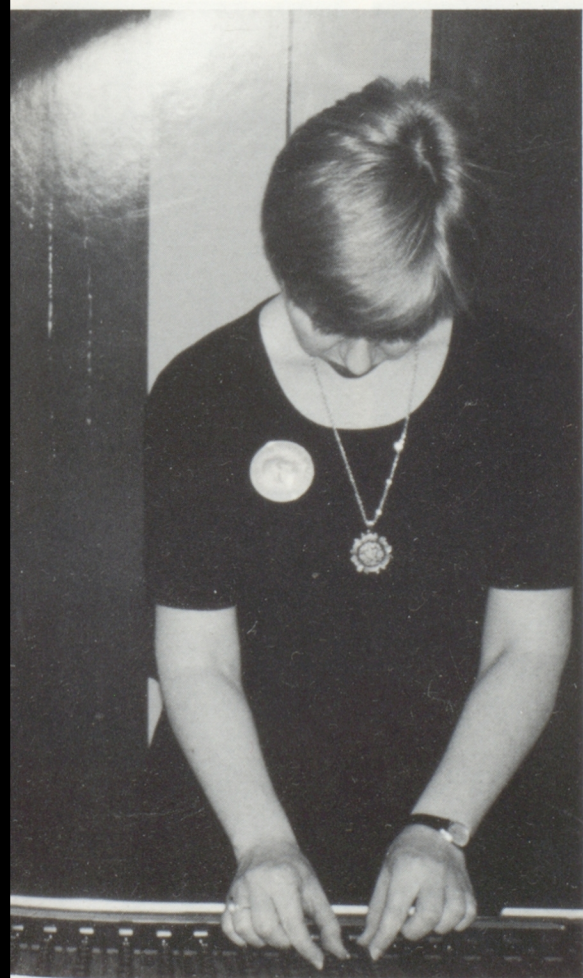
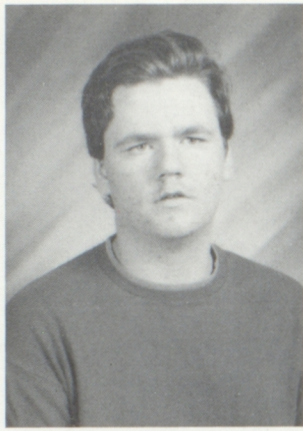


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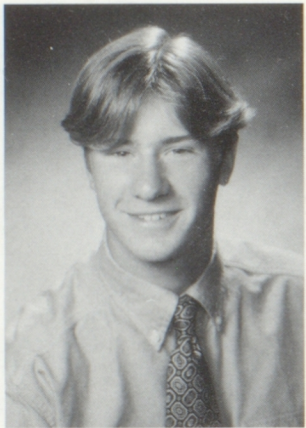
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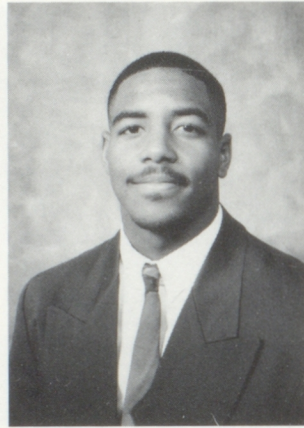
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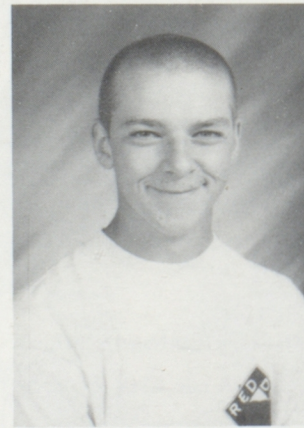
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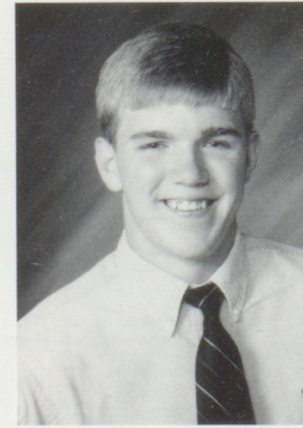
Brent Higgins



Kurt Hinkle



Dale Hlavacek



Nic Hoover



Mia Hopkins

The Quiz Said—Are you a True Senior?

Take this quiz and find out!

1. I arrive for school at...

- a. 7:30 a.m., so I can get a good parking spot, grab some breakfast and still have time to study.
- b. 7:54 a.m., and run to my first period class.
- c. 8:15 a.m., with a really good excuse.
- d. 9:00 a.m., school starts before then?

2. I had a difficult time this year...

- a. Working at Easter's every day to raise money for college.
- b. Fitting all of my activities into my schedule.
- c. Getting to school on time on late start in-service days.
- d. Persuading Mr. Cumpston that I had good excuses for being gone after I passed my sixth absence limit for the semester.

3. My main goal for the last semester of high school was to...

- a. Get all "A"s and try to become valedictorian.
- b. Pass Mr. Koch's Government/Economics class.
- c. Take as many homestudy periods as possible.
- d. End the year with 50 "college visit" excuses and still walk down the aisle at graduation.

4. In ten years, I see myself...

- a. Married with two kids, while campaign for president.
- b. Working as a secretary.
- c. Single, working as a cashier at McDonald's.
- d. Divorced four times and employed at Maytag repair.

Scoring...

a=4; b=3; c=2; d=1

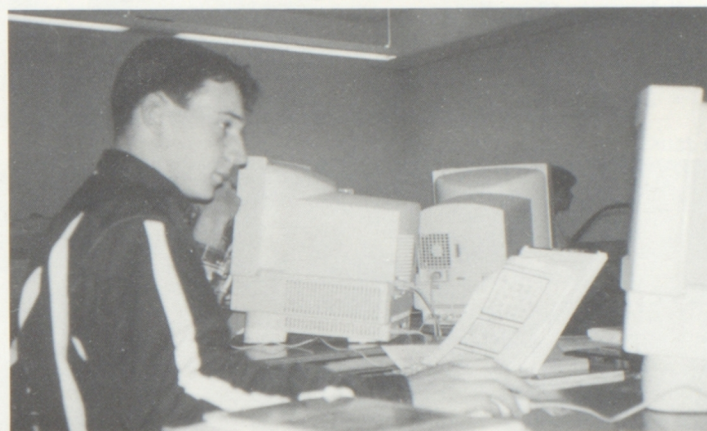


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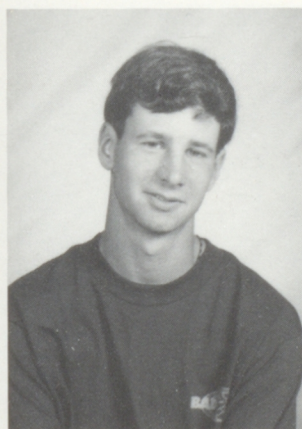
13-16=Loosen up! Try to do more spontaneous things. You're only in high school once.

7-11=You occasionally show signs of being a true senior but are inhibited. Don't be afraid to let your senioritis show.

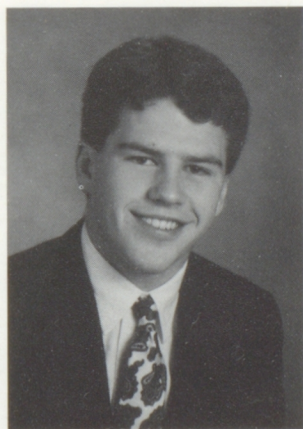
0-6=You are a true senior! You display an attitude that has taken four long years to develop and it shows by your actions.

Surfing the net -

Senior Steve Lyon learns the basics of becoming a computer hacker.



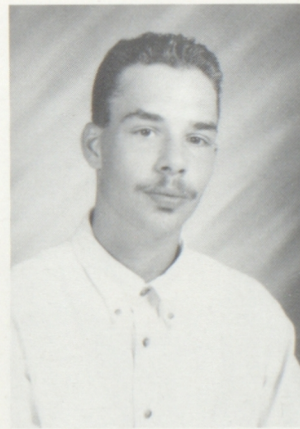
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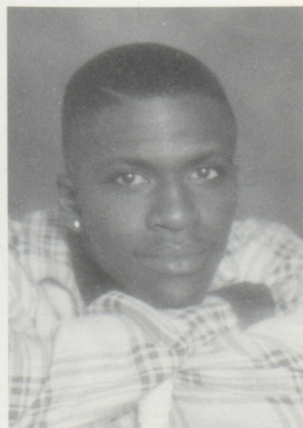
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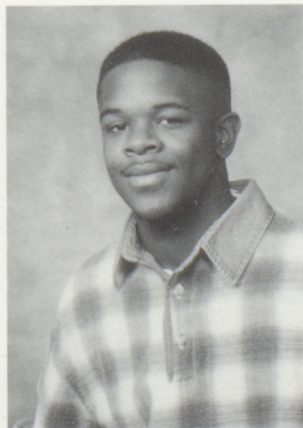
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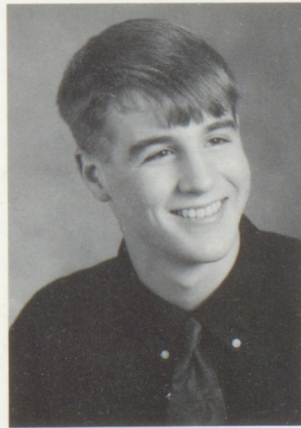
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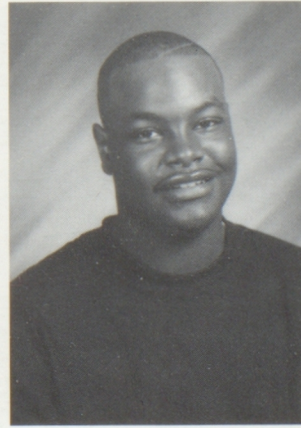
Michael Jackson



Monty Jamison



Ryan Johnson



Fred Jones



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The survey's done, here's what you said

Where or how do you see yourself living in ten years?

"I'll be living in Spain studying Spanish architecture or maybe digging for dinosaur bones in China."

—Tina Martin

"Living on the streets, eating out of trash cans."

—Steve Lyon

"In a hut on the green island of Brazil sipping margaritas at 9 a.m., doing nothing all day but scratching myself."

—Joe Lamb

"Finish my doctorate in political science and starting my first term as governor."

—Max Faust

"I hope to be a starving artist in London or Minneapolis working at a bookstore for more money and have lots of pets."

—Mia Hopkins

"Either in a 4' x 7' wood box or in the state prison."

—Kurt Hinkle

"At home, married to my mother and dating my cat Pita."

—Rich Nagel

"I picture myself in my third marriage and finally deciding to settle down and have some youngsters."

—Ryan Mitchell

"On a research vessel in the Grand Canyon, giving 110 percent to discovery and still learning to build for a better tomorrow."

—Greg Miller

"Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous"

—Chawanne Erwin

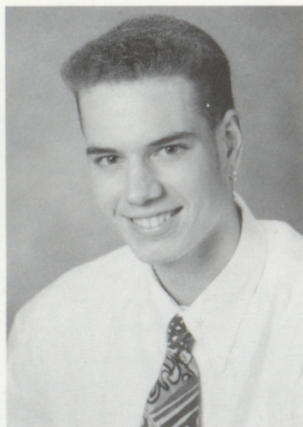
Shooting hoops — Seniors Eric Groen and Jake Smith try to steal the ball from Coach Springer during the student vs. faculty basketball game on February 21.



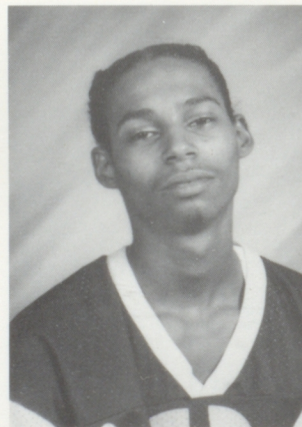
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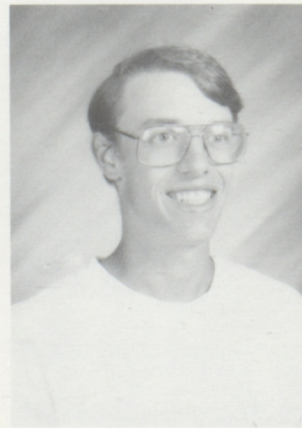
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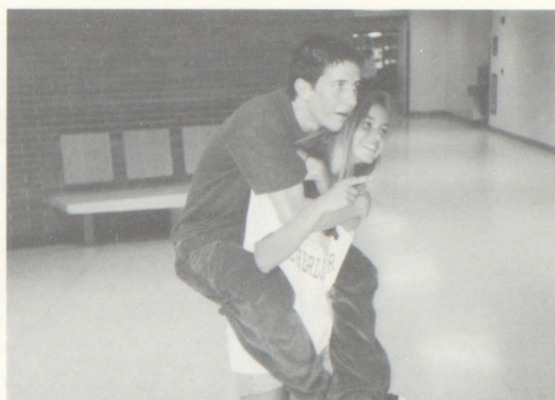
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Getting a lift — Senior Sally Allan gives senior Jake Smith a piggyback ride through the student center.

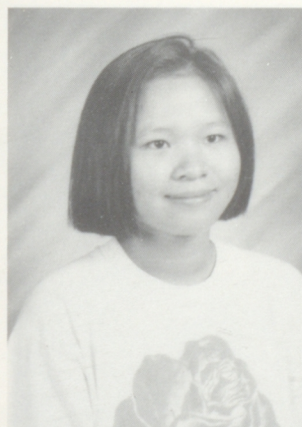
Making a joyful noise — Senior John Miller plays a solo during the marching band half-time show.

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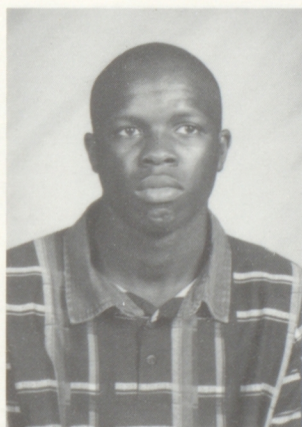


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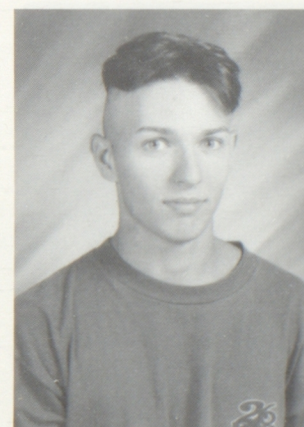
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Joseph Lamb



Gina Lark



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Kristin Lawrie



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Tri Le



Amy Lee

Moving to the Beat of a Different Drum

Senior Anna West discovers satisfaction and enjoyment in dancing

Boom. The rhythmic beat of music pulsates to the very core of one, causing the body to involuntarily sway and move in patterns, an experience known as dance. For senior Anna West this has been a common experience for her the last 13 years. West has been dancing at Betty Hill Dance Studios since she was four years old. When asked how she started, she said her grandfather encouraged her to start and she did.

West does a variety of dance styles including tap, ballet, jazz and lyrical. Of all styles, she said tap is her favorite.

"The sounds and styles of dance you can get from tap are amazing. It is one of the most flexible types of dance."

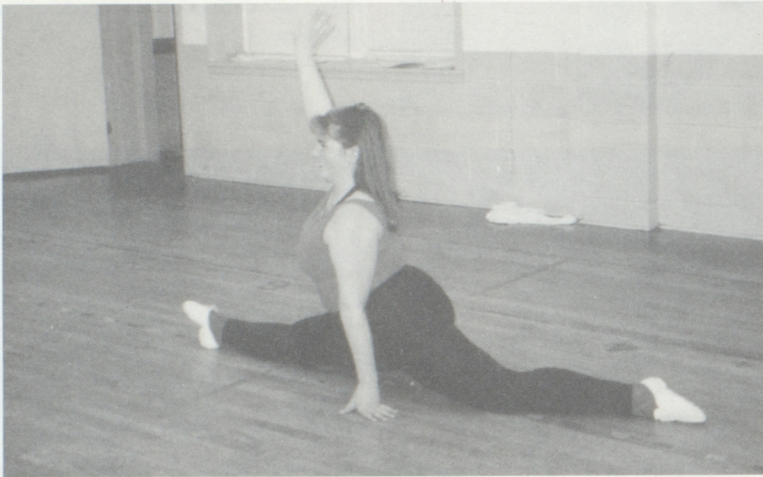
According to her, the practice is the most difficult part of dancing. "I practice every day except for Friday and Saturday, anywhere from one to six hours a day. Dancing, West said, provides a way to express herself. She said, "It is tons of fun and a great way to spend free time."

West said Debbie Westphal, the director of the studio inspires her. West said, "She is an incredible person. She choreographs most of the dances, which is about 70 a year."

West said she has had many memorable incidents involving dancing. She talked about one in particular, "I was in eighth grade and I didn't have my contacts in on stage. I almost fell off the front of the stage. I always wear my contacts now."

West sees dancing as a possible career. She said she hopes to continue with it as long as she possibly can. "I'd like to perhaps teach after high school. I am a student teacher now."

Dancing, both the good and bad, has become an intricate part of West's life, she said. West said, "The best part is when the curtain goes up and all of the audience has their eyes on you."



In splits — Senior Anna West practices her dance moves at Betty Hill Dance Studio.



Elizabeth Lind



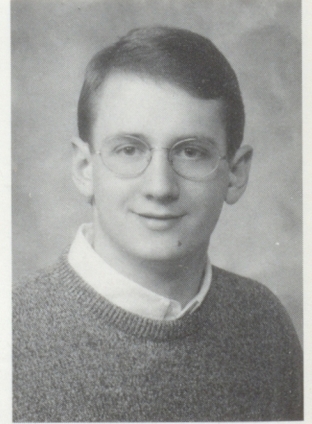
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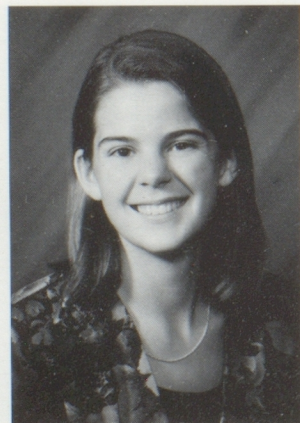
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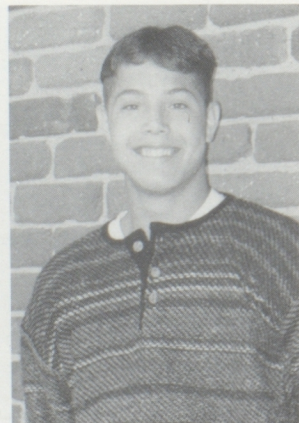
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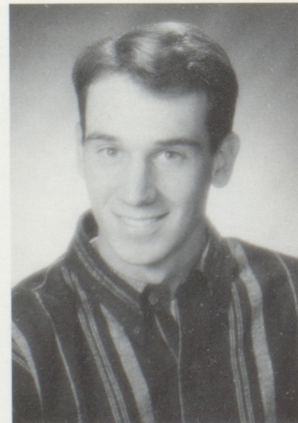
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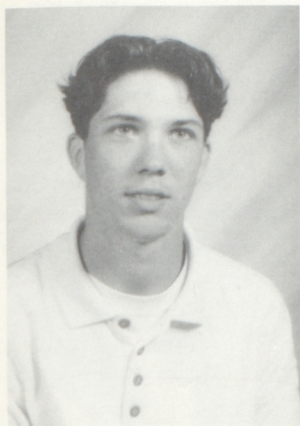
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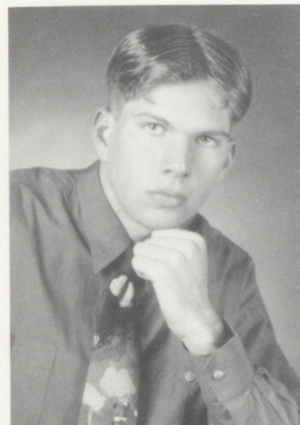
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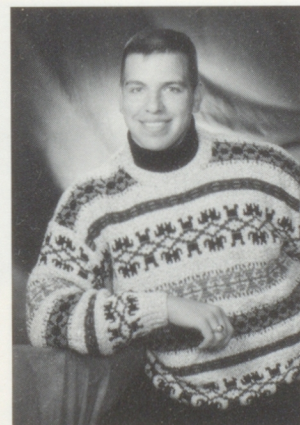
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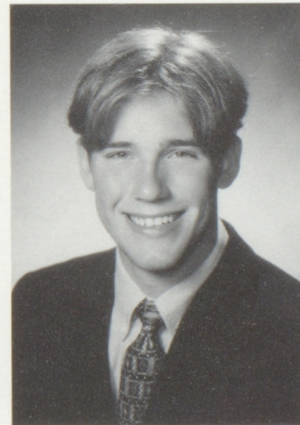
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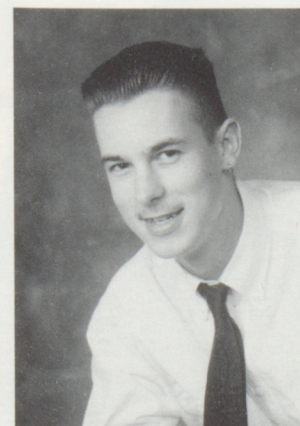
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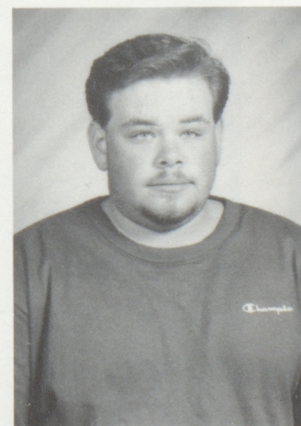
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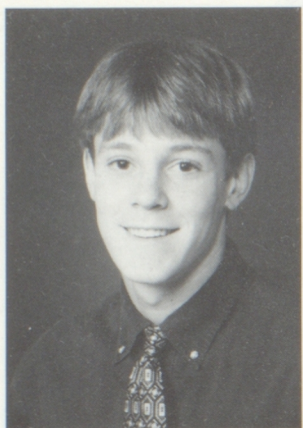
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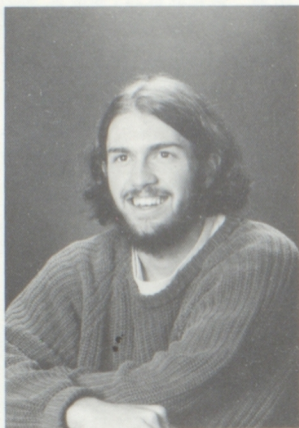
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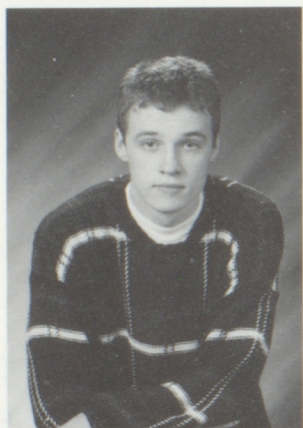
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Daniel Newman



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The race is on — Senior Kristi Sullivan pushes ahead of her opponent in a cross country meet in the fall.

There's no place like the chemistry room — Senior Minh Dao shows his enjoyment at spending quality time in the science department.

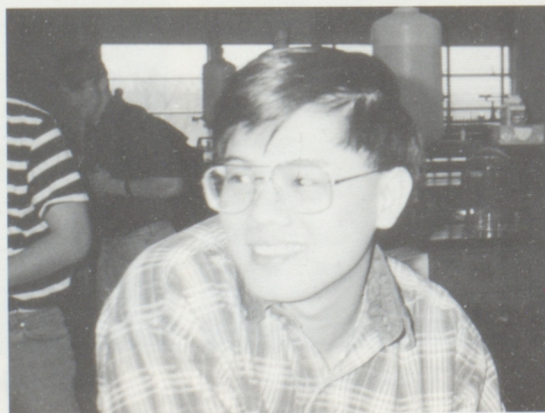
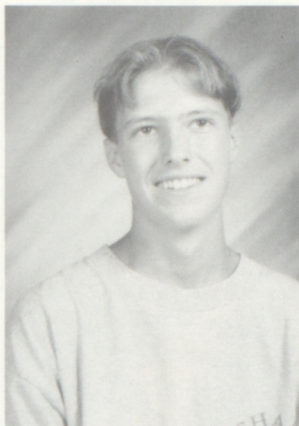


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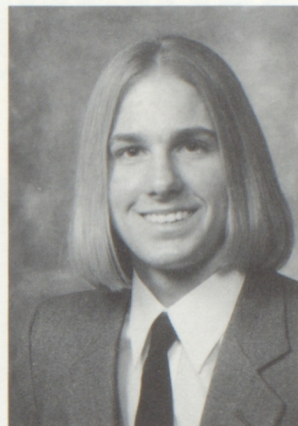
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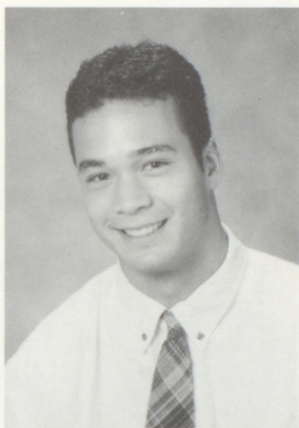
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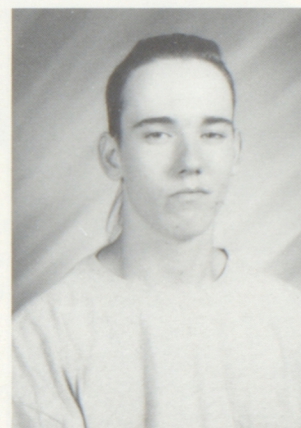
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All That's Said

"This stain is alive!" *Senior*

Ayesha Abdullah reports her observations under the microscope in Don Perschau's seventh hour Biology II class.

"I went to Mr. Koch's hamburger stand." *Senior Sis*

Deuanephenh's comment during a discussion about sole-proprietorship in Steve Koch's fifth hour economics class.

"I'm now accepting applications."

Senior Aaron Theise explains his method of choosing a prom date during lunch on Tuesday, February 20.

"Don't scream too loud. The maid might hear you." *Senior Willy*

Dancing in disguise — Seniors Jennifer Ruby and Anna West perform their flag routine in Halloween garb the football game Oct. 27.

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Thompson playing the part of Hedda in the play *Hedda Gabbler* in Jerry Levanthal's sixth hour AP English class on Thursday, Feb. 21.

"I look like a marshmallow.

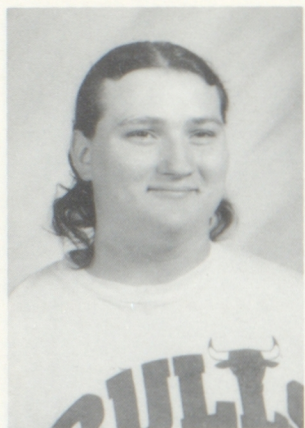
No, I look like a refrigerator. How about a jug of milk?" *Senior Dena Shoemaker* describes her all-white clothing that she was wearing on Thursday, March 14.

"Have you ever rolled around on the ground with a guy? Do you want to?" *Senior Rich Nagel* plays the part of a jock during the third hour Drama I monologue performances on Tuesday, March 12.

"I'm a gopher." *Senior Chris Sampson* explains his job at an insurance company, before school on Friday, March 15.

"My teddybears are frozen."

Senior Holly Feickert eats teddybear shaped chocolates during first hour band.



Steven Prentice



David Quinones



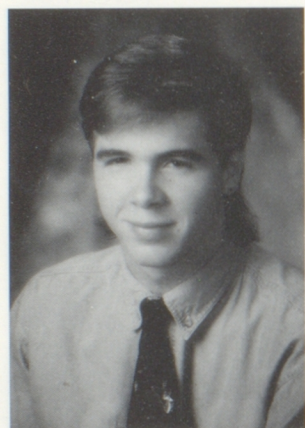
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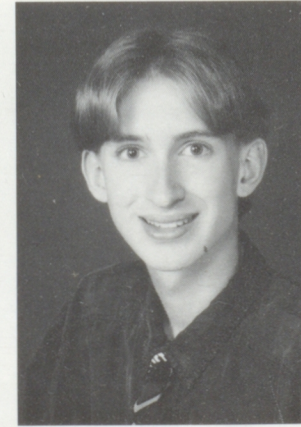
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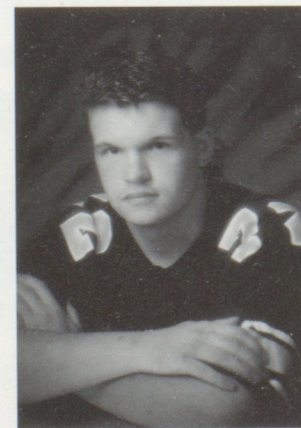
Christopher Sampson



Candice Sater



Timothy Schnoor



Jeff Scott



Natasha Seay



Sarah Severson

The Quiz Said—Do you Have School Spirit?

Take this quiz and find out!

1. On green and gold day during spirit week, I wear...

- a. As much green and gold as possible.
- b. A green or gold shirt, if I remember to.
- c. Normal school clothes.
- d. All black.

2. When the school song is played, I...

- a. Stand up, cheer and belt out the words as loud as I can.
- b. Stay seated and hum the tune.
- c. Talk to my friends.
- d. Fall asleep.

3. This year, I have attended...

- a. At least 10 or more extra-curricular school activities.
- b. 5 extra-curricular school activities.
- c. 0 extra-curricular school activities.
- d. All of Johnston's basketball games, sitting on the Johnston side.

5. During the spirit stick competition at assemblies, I...

- a. Am in the front row screaming "V-I-C-T-O-R-Y!"
- b. Stand in the middle and cheer, but only if the people around me are.
- c. Don't go to assemblies.
- d. Am in the front row screaming "A-P-A-T-H-Y!"

6. On assembly days, I think it's important to...

- a. Decorate the gym, make posters and get the team fired-up to win the game.
- b. Get out of class to decorate.
- c. Sneak out during the assembly without getting caught.
- d. Talk and make as much noise as possible during the assembly.

Scoring...

Mostly A's=You possess ultimate school spirit and take pride in Hoover! Go Huskies!

Mostly B's=You occasionally show school spirit, as long as it doesn't



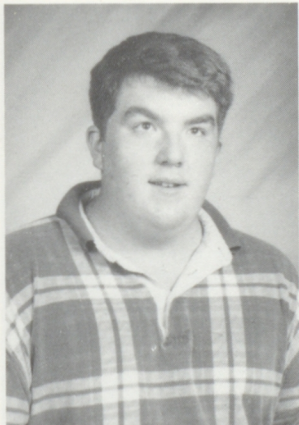
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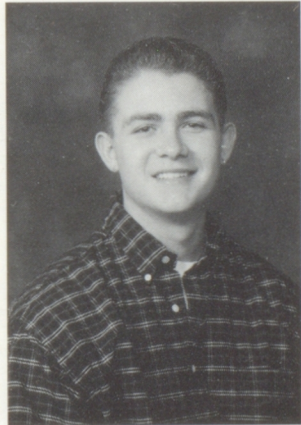
Mostly C's=You could care less about school spirit and go through your days indifferent to the particular school you go to.

Mostly D's=You despise Hoover and it shows through your actions. In fact, you do everything in your power to fight against school spirit.

A Greek comedy—Senior Janet Buckley, dressed in her toga for Homecoming Spirit Days, falls on top of senior Willy Thompson from laughing so hard.



Robert Shafer



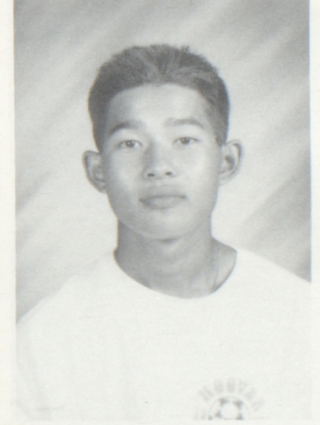
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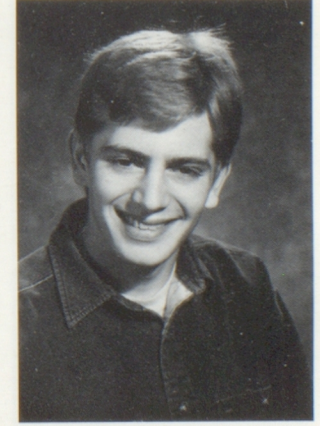
Jason Simpson



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Caron Slater



Russell Slater

The survey's done, here's what you said

What was your most memorable high school experience?

"My junior year when Tiffany, Ayesha, and I missed the bus to the Fort Dodge game and chased the bus up Aurora and until we caught it. One of the coaches came to pick us up at Tiffany's house, but we weren't there. The coach called our parents, who didn't know where we were at. Our parents filed a missing person report. So we were missing and didn't even know it."

—Diondra Tate

"I will probably always remember how I bonded with my true friends by giving each other support after Jerry Garcia died."

—Sarah Nevins

"Hitting the three pointer at five seconds left in the fourth quarter my freshman year and making it in the newspaper and TV news."

—Jesse Woody

"Biology II and the sick, gross moments with Mr. Pershau!"

—Lieu Phan

"Beating up a freshman my sophomore year because he wouldn't stop swearing at me."

—LieLani Bollinger

"Last summer I took a trip out to North Carolina with about ten students. While we were there, I got up and sang in front of thousands of people and also got to meet Shai. It was a blast."

—Elizabeth Tymeson

"I would have to say being kicked out of the spring dance my junior year for dancing 'inappropriately' with Julian Guthrie."

—Sarah Severson

"Freshman year basketball game. Nate Kirstein. Enough said."

—Billy Howe

Prelude to a kiss — Sophomore Amy Peterson and senior Caron Slater re-enact a scene from *Lady and the Tramp* while eating at Fazolli's after a swim meet.



Jacob D. Smith



Jodi Solberg



Brandon Sonnenburg



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Dawn Stoltenburg



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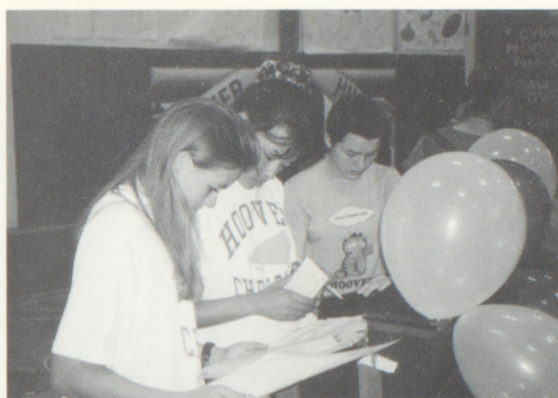


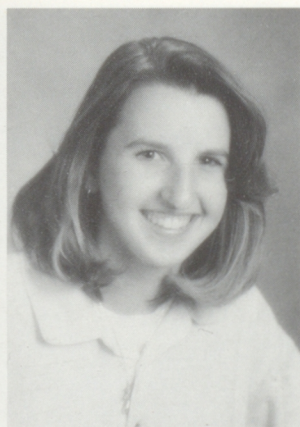
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Making a game plan — Seniors Sally Allan and Amy Lee and sophomore Brenda Bass prepare before the Homecoming Assembly.

Watching for the signal — Seniors Heather Mallette and Emily Minnis wait on the yardline during the junior/senior powder puff game on Wed., Sept. 27.



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Kristi Sullivan



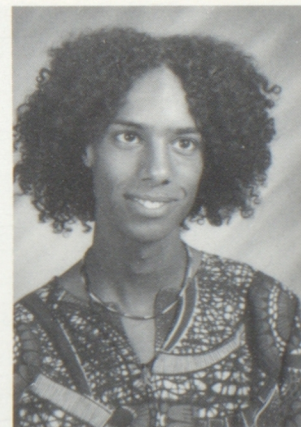
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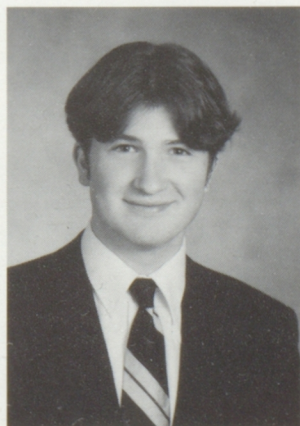
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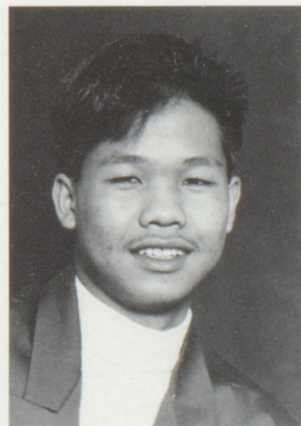
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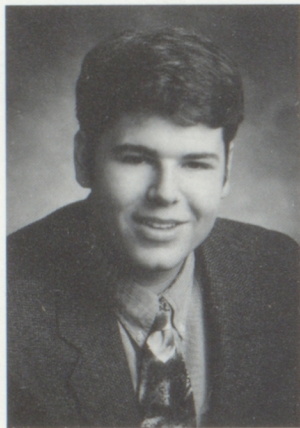
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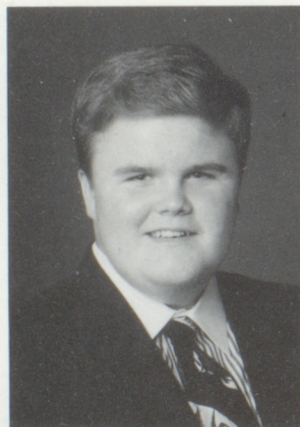
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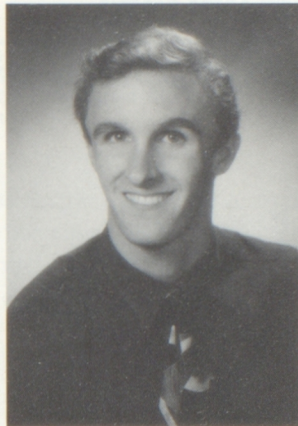
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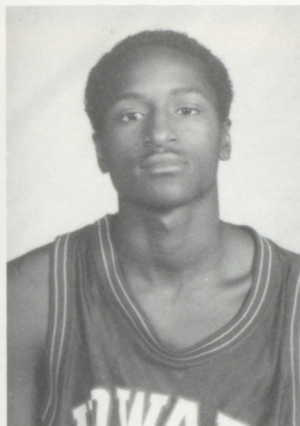
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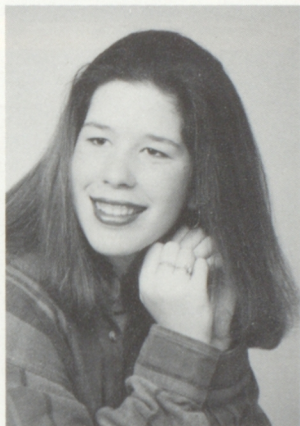
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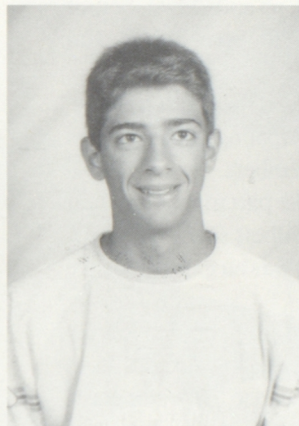
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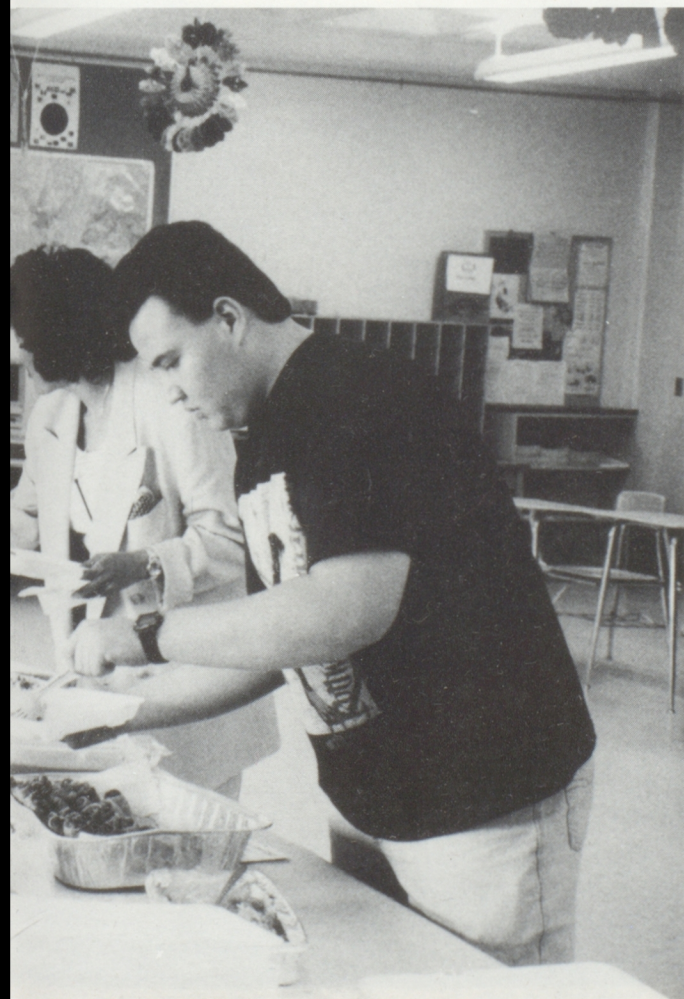


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A Celebration of Food — Marlon Morales dishes up a plate of food while vice principal Billy Stone decide what to try at the Multicultural Lunch on Fri., April 19, as a part of Diversity Week activities.

Revisiting Ancient Greece — Kari Greenlee receives some help pinning on her toga from Angela Neve for Senior Toga Day on Thurs. Sept. 28 during the Homecoming Spirit Week activities.

Strive for the best

Senior Board leads the class of '96 to a successful year

The Senior Board is a crucial part of the organization of most senior class functions and activities. They sponsored all of the senior activities throughout the year and strove to ensure an exciting and organized senior year. During the 1995-1996 school year the Senior Board consisted of four officers and numerous senior activities committees.

The Senior Board officers were: president Jared Gilbert, vice-president Jodi Solberg, secretary Amy Lee, and treasurer Sally Allan. These officers were voted by the senior class in an election held earlier in the year. The officers were responsible for presiding over senior meetings. Each officer was also assigned a senior activities committee to be chairperson of. Some of these committees were Cap and Gown, Senior Breakfast, Senior Awards, Commencement, Prom, Post-Prom, Senior Gift and Fundraising.

Although the Senior Board officers' duties were to assist in all senior activities, the whole senior class had to show their leadership skills by participating in fundraisers or serving on committees either as co-chairs or as committee members.

"The idea was to give every single senior a chance to take part in making their last year of high school a memorable one. It's a group effort," Gilbert said.

"Being seniors, we all needed to make sure that this year was an experience we won't forget," Allan said.

One of the fundraisers for the seniors got all of Hoover High School involved. Students were encouraged to support the graduating class by purchasing soft drinks at Fazoli's Italian Fast Food Restaurant. The proceeds then were donated to the senior class.

Arrangements such as reserving the Drake Knapp Center for the Commencement ceremony had to be made by the Commencement committee. Choosing the theme for prom and organizing the Post-Prom activities at Plaza Lanes was also on the agenda list. Meetings began as early as September.

"Prom and graduation arrived before we knew it, so everyone had to think about it early," Lee said.

Dean of Students, Dennis Cumpston, said, "The Board wanted to accomplish as much as possible with the time provided."

Senior Board officers

— President Jared

Gilbert, secretary Amy

Lee, vice-president

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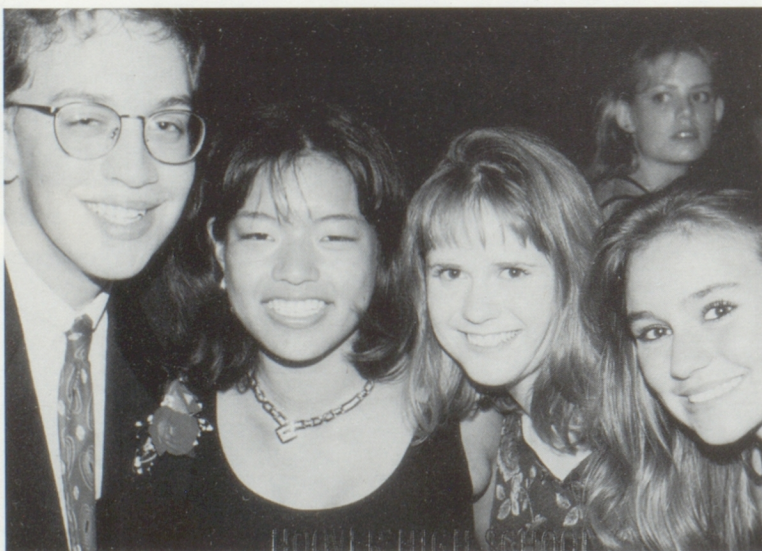


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Not just any refill— Junior Kelly Karsten goes for a drink refill at Fazoli's and at the same time contributes to the senior class funds.





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Talking amongst themselves— The seniors chat with each other as they take the last few bites of their food at the Senior Breakfast, which was sponsored by the Senior Board on May 23.



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The moment arrives— Senior Natasha Seay accepts her diploma and a handshake of congratulations at the Commencement ceremony at the Drake Knapp Center on May 25. Members of the Senior Board's Commencement committee organized the ceremony.

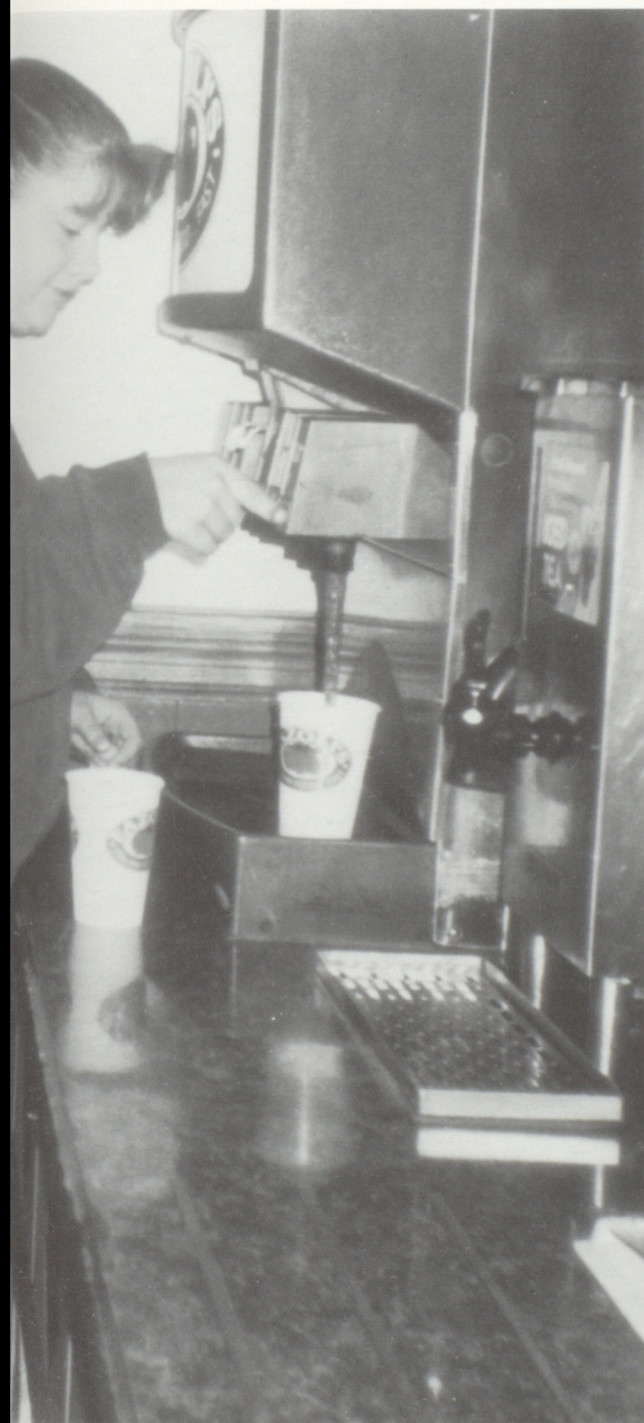


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All dressed up— A couple converse with each other at the Senior Prom held at the Convention Center on April 20. The theme chosen by the Senior Board's Prom committee was "Knights of Camelot".



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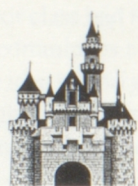
What a Knight

Senior's final dance, "Knights of Camelot," is big success

For many students, prom night started 11 hours before the dance was scheduled to begin. They made their way to the Convention Center on Apr. 20 to start the task of decorating. Six hours later, the huge room had been transformed to fit the theme, "Knights of Camelot", with a balloon arch covering the dance floor, medieval decorations, and a castle which rose ten feet overhead.

As the clock chimed 9 o'clock, the crowd began to saunter into the building. It was prom night at last and as they passed over the drawbridge and through the castle, the night had begun.

The king and queen, Michael Jackson and Tiffany Walker, were crowned, and the court—Mike Kelly, Ryan Johnson, Ryan Mitchell, Jared Gilbert, Dan Newman, Beth Burnquist, Amy McDonald, Caron Slater, Cassie Murphy and Marci Simonini—helped lead the crowd in a dance.



"Knights of Camelot"

Hoover High School
Senior Prom

Saturday, April 20, 1996
9:00 p.m. — 12:00 a.m.
Convention Center of Des Moines

At midnight the doors closed, but for the seniors, the night was just beginning.

Immediately following the dance, the post prom celebration began at Plaza Lanes. As the participants entered the bowling alley, their names were placed into drawings for prizes which were awarded throughout the evening. Many of the prizes which post prom had received were donated by companies and also bought from money given by the senior families. The agenda for the evening included free bowling, gambling, bouncy boxing, free food, and a hypnotist.

The festivities ended with a microwave, refrigerator, VCR, television, and a cordless phone being raffled away among the seniors.

"Now I don't have to buy one for next year," senior Megan Carrico said after her name was drawn for the microwave.

The night was summed up when Simonini, prom co-chair, said, "Thanks to all the people who helped. The evening was a success. We sold a record number of tickets to the dance and post prom had a great turnout. They both were a lot of fun and it was a great way to end our stay at Hoover."

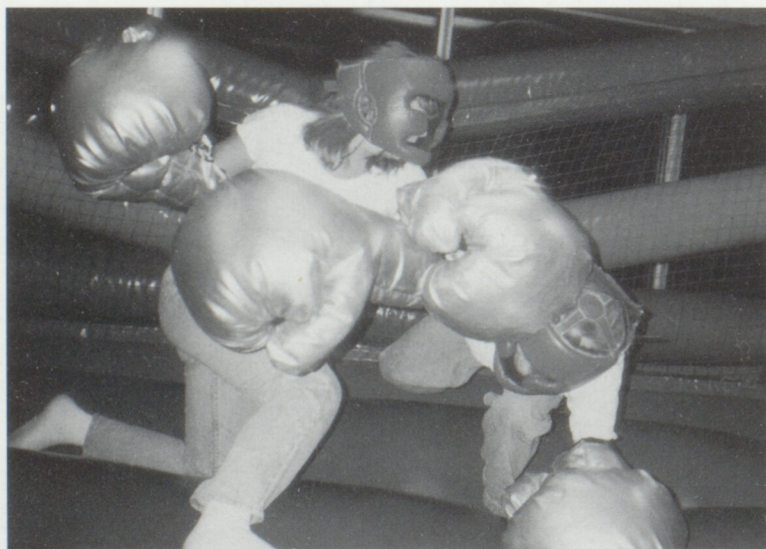


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Duking it out—Seniors Traci Wolfe and Caron Slater take shots at each other during their bouncy boxing match at post prom on April 21. Wolfe was awarded the uncontested victory with a first round knockout.

Do a little dance—Seniors Tiffany Walker and Ayesha Abdullah bust a move during prom on April 20 at the Convention Center. Walker was nominated for prom queen and won; she was crowned later that night.

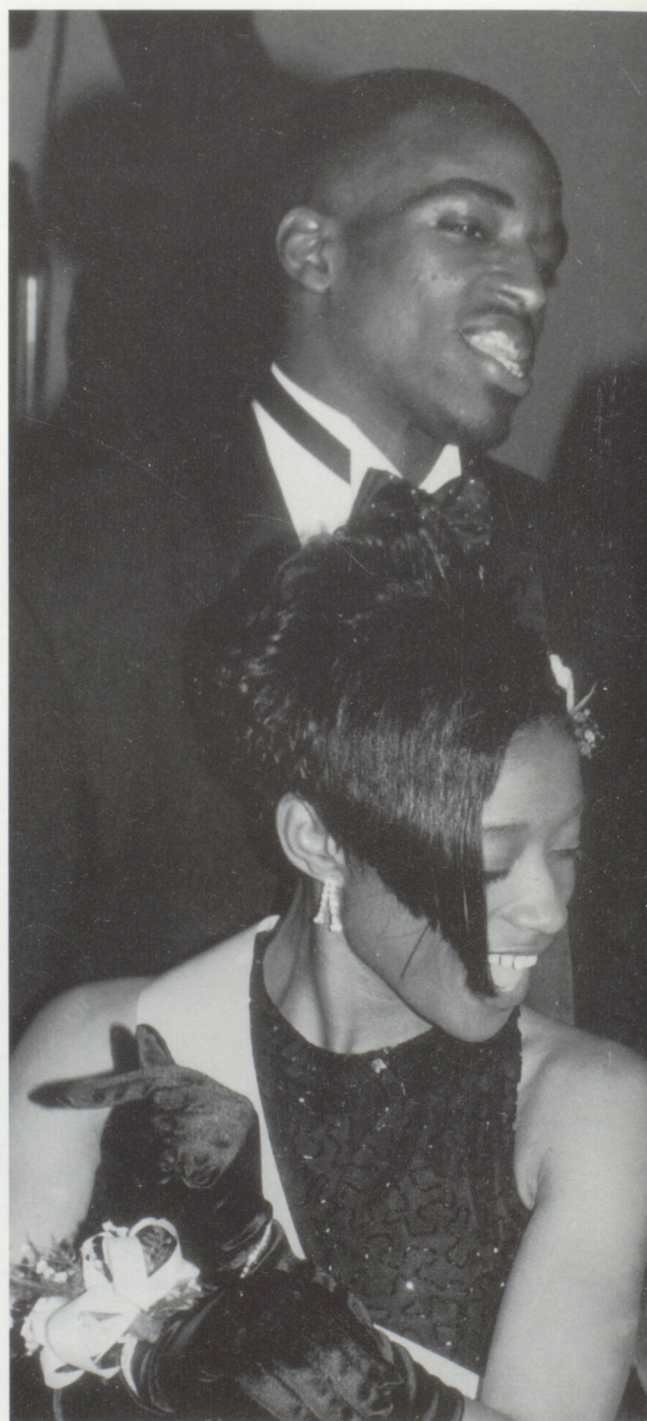




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Sharing a moment—Seniors Sara Bray, Jodi Solberg, and Jay Hall enjoy a laugh while Jodi Long looks on at prom on April 20.

Strike a pose—Senior Sarah Severson and junior Jay Brommel do their own version of dancing at prom on April 20.



photo by Kathi Buckley

Look at them—Seniors Jennifer Brandt, Melissa Christ, and Courtney Coll watch their fellow classmates dancing to "Macarena" while Hoover graduate Todd Kneller and senior Jason Logan discuss politics at prom on April 20.



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A Night of Recognition

Seniors receive achievement awards at Senior Awards presentation

The Senior Awards ceremony was held in the Hoover auditorium on Monday, May 20. The ceremony was run by chairpersons Sara Bray and Aaron Thiese, and faculty advisor Dennis Cumpston.

"The ceremony went really smoothly, with everybody receiving his/her award in a dignified manner," Cumpston said.

Seniors Angela Neve and Cathy Claycomb performed a flute and clarinet duo prelude to the ceremonies, leading up to a welcome by Senior Board President Jared Gilbert. Principal William McCollaugh proceeded with greetings to the audience, and senior Cassie Murphy followed with a student address.

Then, a musical interjection of "You Are the New Day" was performed by Hoover Harmony seniors. The main event of the evening, the Presentation of Scholarships and Recognition, was then led by Teacher of All Seasons, Don Perschau. A farewell address, orated by Senior Board Vice-President Jodi Solberg, concluded the evening.

Preparing the awards – Co-chairs Aaron Thiese and Sara Bray help Dennis Cumpston arrange the senior awards at the ceremony on May 20.

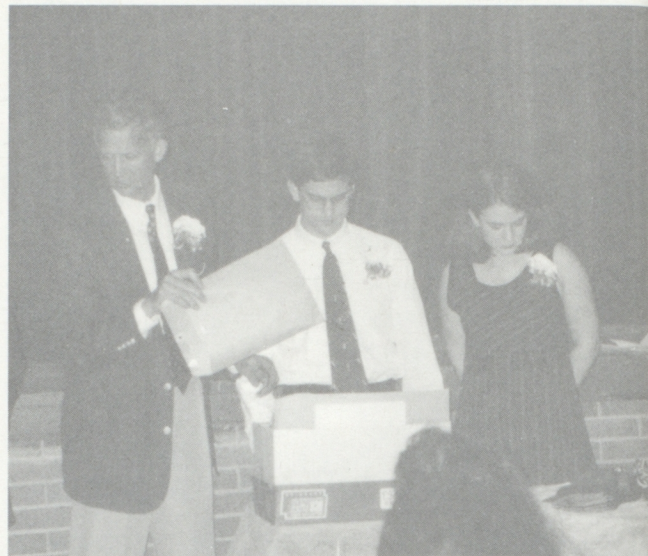


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Superintendent's Awards

-From Central Campus-

English.....Christopher Sampson

-From Hoover High School-

Science.....Cassie Murphy	Art.....Jeff Bash
English.....Jared Gilbert	Social Science.....Amy Hanlon
Mathematics.....Jodi Solberg	P.E.....Emily Minnis
Music.....Angela Neve	Business.....Amy McDonald
Drama.....Lela Braden	Industrial Tech.....Jason Logan

-Certificate of Recognition from Central Campus-

Auto Tech.....Timothy J. Cripsin	Marine Bio.....Gregory Miller
Auto Body Tech.....Ricco S. Kemp	Textile/Fashion.....Caron C. Slater
Home Tech.....Jason M. Logan	Auto Tech.....Russel Slater

President's Award

Josh Brott	Emily Minnis	Jodi Solberg
Patrick Fergus	David Peterson	J. Van Hemert
Jared Gilbert	Chris Sampson	Amber Wilson
Eric Groen	Timothy Schnoor	

State Scholars

Josh Brott	John Miller	David Peterson
Minh Dao	Emily Minnis	Chris Sampson
Patrick Fergus	Cassie Murphy	Marci Simonini
Eric Groen	Chad Murray	Jodi Solberg
Bryan Howe	Angela Neve	Katie Streeter



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Crowding around – Seniors Amy Hanlon, Eric Groen, Pat Fergus, and Minh Dao gather together for the senior awards ceremony on May 20 in the Hoover auditorium.

Making small talk – Principal William McCollaugh chats with Army Sgt. James Miller at the senior awards ceremony on May 20.

Taking charge—Senior Breakfast co-chairs Janet Buckley and Beth Burnquist prepare to hand out the awards as Amy Hanlon looks on.

The Last Breakfast

Seniors spend one final meal together before graduation.

The annual senior breakfast was held on the traditional Thursday after finals, May 23 at 7:00 am. Although it was early for many seniors after a night of celebration, over 150 students, faculty, and parents attended the breakfast, and ate to their hearts content. "I'm glad so many people showed up that early in the morning, it was also great to see everyone getting along for the first and last time," said Senior Breakfast co-chair Janet Buckley. Getting to the breakfast a little early or at least on time proved to be a smart strategy for many seniors. Although there was plenty of food, many seniors battled long lines and diminishing selection as the morning continued.

The highlight of the morning was the naming of the senior breakfast awards.

Time to relax

— Seniors Josh

Brott and Ryan

Mitchell relax and

talk about the up-

coming gradua-

Each senior was able to nominate their peers for the awards and the votes were then tallied by the senior breakfast committee and kept secret until the morning of the breakfast. Buckley and co-chair senior Beth Burnquist handed out the awards for each category, which varied from best athlete to worst driver, to one male and one female winner. Senior Amy Lee summed up the morning when she said, "The senior breakfast brought back a lot of memories and gave us an opportunity to bond one final time."

Senior Breakfast Awards

Category	Male	Female
Best Dressed	Mike Jackson	Caron Slater
Best Legs	David Peterson	Sally Allan
Best Musician	Jolyon Thomas	Angela Neve
Best Athlete	Joe Lamb	Emily Minnis
Biggest Flirt	Jay Hall	Dena Shoemaker
Best Smile	Ryan Johnson	Crystal McQuerry
Friendliest	Aaron Thiese	Amy Lee
Craziest	Willy Thompson	Katie Dann
Best Actors	Rich Nagel	Lela Braden
Most Likely to be Rich	John Miller	Amber Wilson
Best Artist	Jeff Bash	Melissa Christ
Biggest Gossip	Nick Brockman	Holly Feickert
Most Outgoing	Bryan & Billy Howe	Cassie Murphy
Most Studious	Patrick Fergus	Jona Knox
Most Likely to be President	Jared Gilbert	Ayesha Abdullah
Most Fabulous Eyes	Mike Kelly	Amy Hanlon
Best Hair	Ricco Kemp	Carmen Hansen
Most Intelligent	Minh Dao	Jodi Solberg
Best Sense of Humor	Chad Murray	Tiffany Walker
Class Clown	Jake Smith	Janet Buckley
Most School Spirit	Nic Hoover	Marci Simonini
Biggest Ego	Eric Groen	Beth Burnquist
Worst Driver	Dan Newman	Megan Carrico
Most Forgetful	Ryan Mitchell	Amy McDonald
Best Dancer	Tim Schnoor	Niema Nichols
Worst Senioritis	Nathan Kirstein	Jamie Rossow



photo by Eric Groen



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It's all over — Seniors Kristi Sullivan, Emily Minnis, Nic Hoover, David Peterson, Amy Lee, Amy McDonald, and Lela Braden discuss the ending of their high school careers and their future plans after finishing with their breakfast.

Farewell to the Seniors

Seniors get together one last time to see each other off

The seniors concluded their years of high school on May 25 at the Commencement ceremony. The class, with 218 graduates and 13 valedictorians, meet one final time together at the Drake Knapp Center at 7 pm to celebrate their graduation from high school.

The Commencement ceremony was planned and organized by the graduation committee co-chairs seniors Angela Neve and Cathy Claycomb.

As the graduating class of 1996 marched into the center, draped in their green gowns and wearing their caps, the Hoover concert band played the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance". The Hoover concert band also accompanied an ensemble of Hoover choirs in their presentation of "Battle Hymn of the Republic".

"It was really chaotic during the last week before commencement but everyone did a fantastic job. The ceremony really turned out well."

—co-chair Cathy Claycomb

Principal William McCullough made the opening remarks and guest speaker Dr. Gary Wegenke presented a speech.

Seniors Josh Brott and Ayesha Abdullah delivered the student speeches to the class. These speakers were chosen after auditioning in front of a panel comprised of teachers and senior board. Each speech addressed the senior's class motto, which was "Remember yesterday, Dream for tomorrow, Live for today", and reflected on their four years at Hoover. The speech then went on to emphasize the importance of dedication and hard work for our future.

The Jane Hentges Humanitarian Achievement Award was also giving out at the ceremony. The award recognizes a student who has devoted his or her time to volunteering and demonstrating good will. The award is given each year to a graduating student. The recipient this year was Amy Stolki.

Then the time came for the students to receive their diplomas. Each student's name was read by Hoover student service coordinator Richard Doughan and peer counselor Ron McChone as they walked across the stage and received their diplomas, which were handed out by Harold Sandahl.

Before the conclusion of the commencement ceremony, the Hoover "Alma Mater" was played. The graduating class then let out a cheer and tossed their caps into the air to celebrate the completion of their high school days.

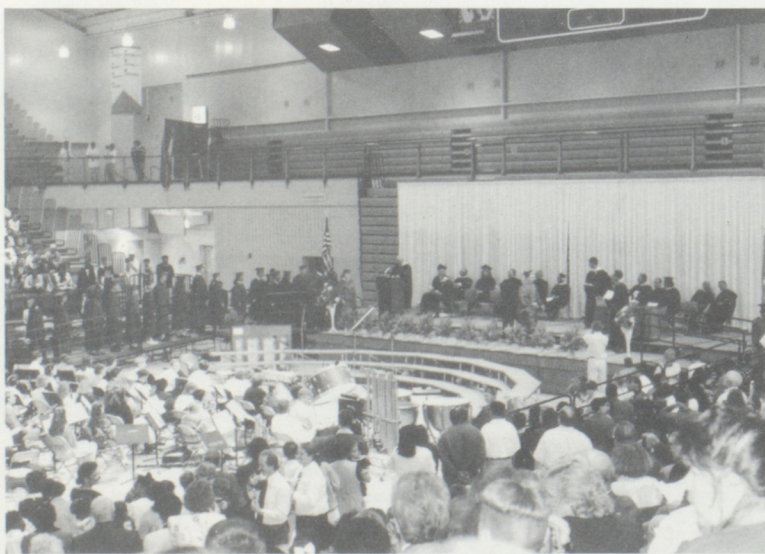


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Calling the names—The students line up to walk up the ramp and across the stage in order to receive their diplomas as their names are called.

Receiving the diploma—Eric Groen shakes Harold Sandahl's hand as he is handed his high school diploma at the Commencement ceremony on May 25.

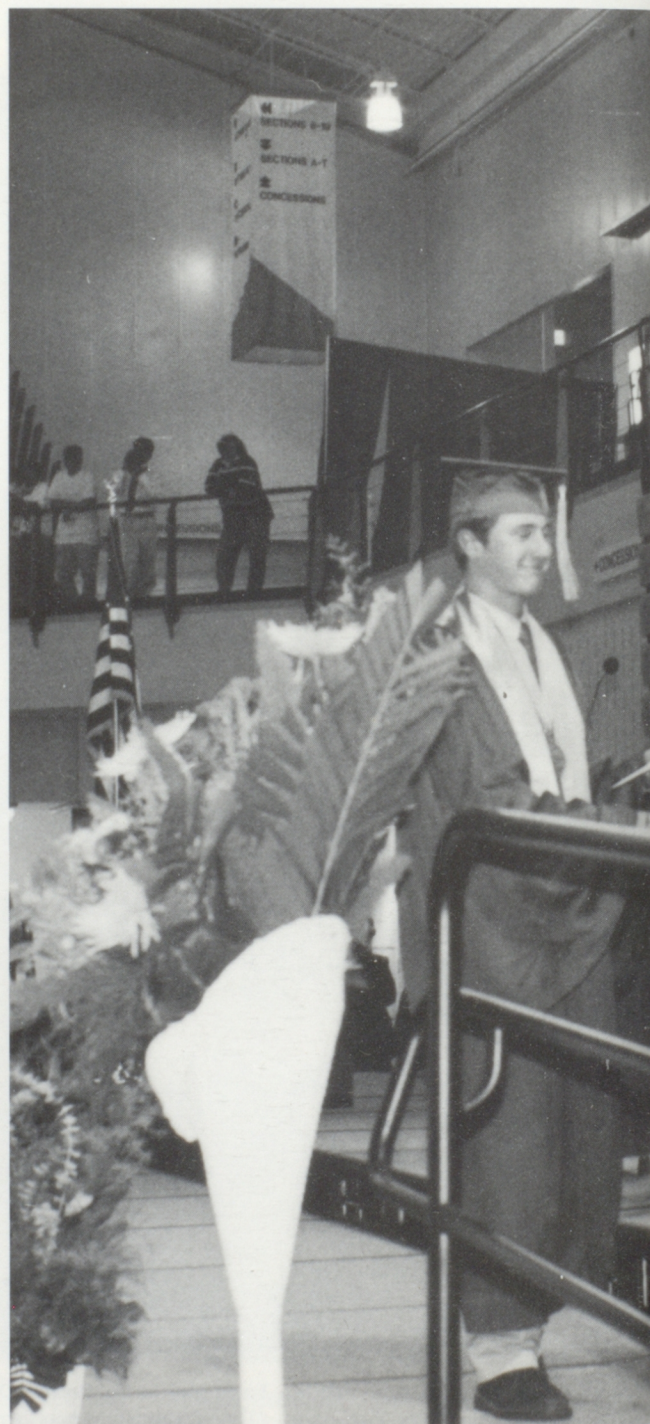




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Steps away—Tim Schnoor and Paul Roberts march along with their senior class to their seats in order to be recognized as the graduating class of 1996.

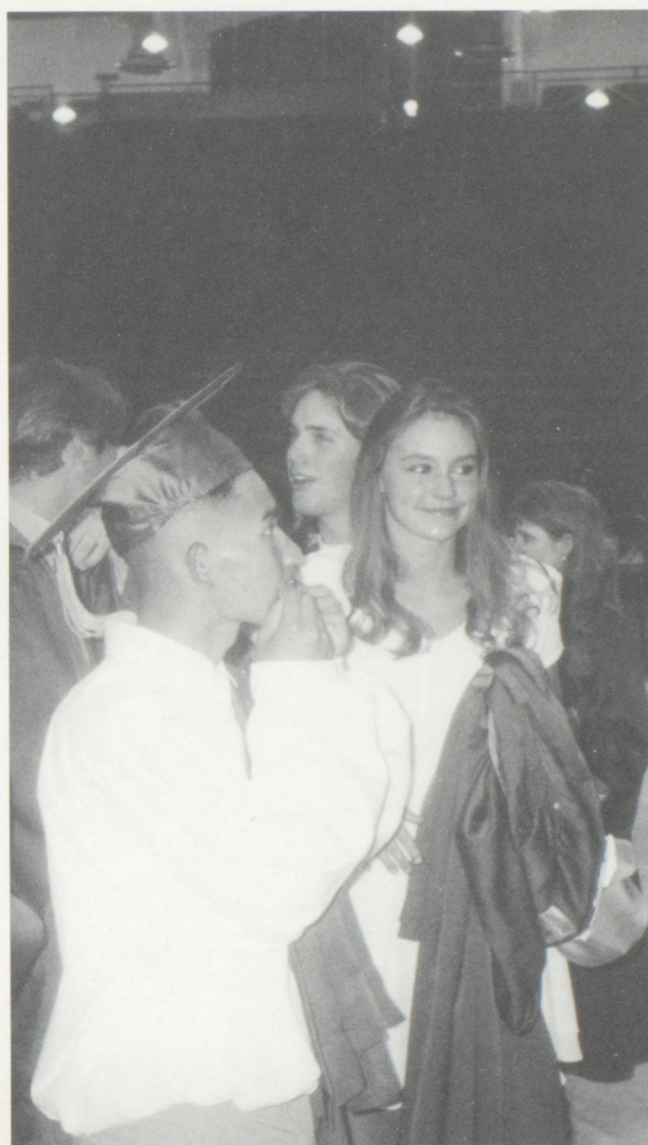


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After the ceremony — Pooty Simahano, Sally Allan, and Amy Stolki stand among their fellow graduates following the Commencement proceedings.

It's about time—Nic Hoover, Dave Peterson, and Jodi Solberg watch as Sara Bray expresses her relief on graduating.

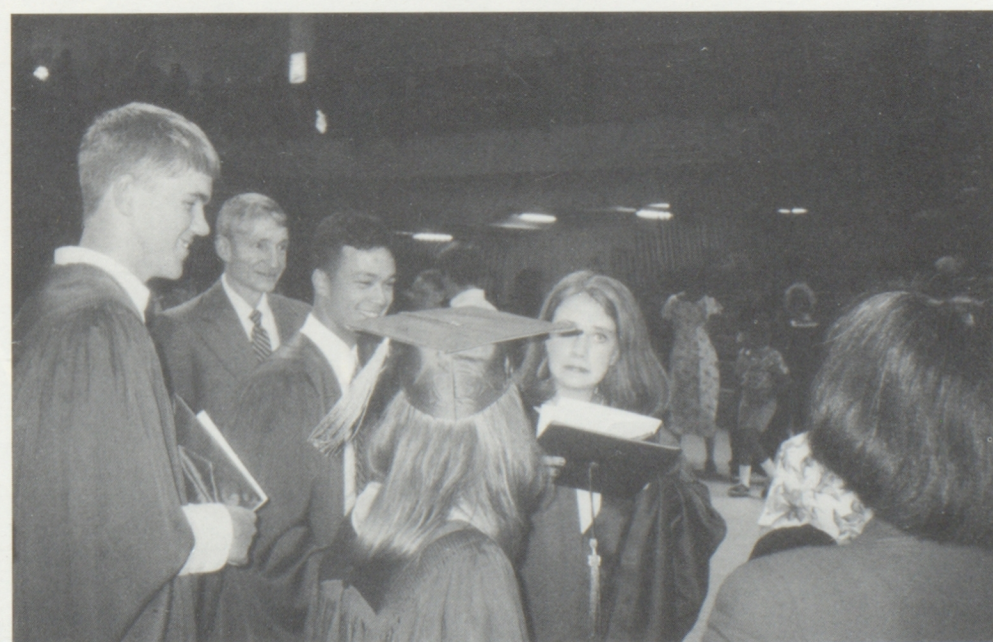


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Class



"Remember yesterday,
live for

of 1996



dream for tomorrow,
today."



Kurt Hinkle

May you always feel the joy you did with this first car. Keep up the good work!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Eric,
Missy, Gramma,
and "Snows"

Janet Buckley

Congratulations! We are so proud of the person you've become. We hope that someday you will have a daughter just like you with your talent, intelligence, and a great sense of humor.

Good luck next year!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Crystal McQuerry

With the love of God, and his blessings, you have made it this far. Always keep god in your plans, and you will be successful in whatever you do. We love you very much. Congratulations!

Your Mom, Dad, and
Tony



Jacob D. Smith

You have everything you need for a bright, adventurous future. Congratulations, son.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Lindsay



Amy Hanlon

Your smile is contagious and I thank God for allowing me to be a part of your life.

Love you,
Mom



John P. Miller III

You are loved for the little boy you were...The special young man you are and the son you will always be. Be the best you can be and life will give its best to you.

All our love always,
Mother, Dad and Matthew

Megan Mogensen

You were determined and walked early.

You were persistent and tied your shoes early.

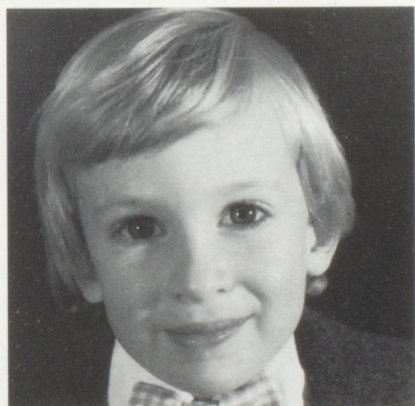
And now, you are graduating early.
Megan, you can lick the world!



Jason Van Hemert

For 18 years, we have experienced the most wonderful years of our lives. You have been a wonderful son and we thank you for the joy you have given us. We wish you success and happiness.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Emily Jo Minnis

Energetic in all you do
Mature in making decisions
Independent in your thinking
Loving and caring to all
Yes, practically perfect in every way
I love you Emily Jo!

Mom



Megan Carrico

May your world always be a bowl of frosting that leaves a smile on your face.

We love you,
Mom, Dad and Melanie



Brandi Allen

We hope all your dreams for the future come true. Except for the one of making a living in your underwear. But you'll always be a Wonder Woman to us!

Congratulations,
Mom, Dad, and Jennie

VJ Omundson

We're proud of your accomplishments! Don't let distractions interfere with your new goals. Stay 'on target'--you've already proven to yourself that it works. Your sister already said she'll really miss you when you leave for college. Your dad and I feel the same, but you know where we are if you need us.

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Brandy



Dena Shoemaker

As you've grown from a tu-tu to a two stepper, we always knew you were a special girl. We are so proud of you and all the things you have accomplished. May your life be full of success. Work hard, play hard, and enjoy!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Amy McDonald

Congratulations Amy P! You've brought much laughter and joy to our lives.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Neil

P.S.
Please clean your room!

Nic Hoover

The time has gone so fast! I have enjoyed every minute of watching you grow into a wonderful young man. You're the best!

Love,
Mom



Jennifer Farrell

Congratulations, Jenny!
We are proud of your hard work and dedication during the last 12 years. Remember to always follow your heart.

We Love You
Mom, Dad and Chris



Jodi Solberg

Congratulations Jodi! We are all very proud of your accomplishments.

Love from
Mureema, Min, Jaya, Paul,
Mom and Dad

Angela Neve

Even as a baby you were developing your "drum major" skills—what a kid! We know your life will always have "direction", Angela, as you seek the Lord's guidance. God Bless You on all you do.

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Emily and
Luke



Kayla Stocker

You have always been so much fun! Your future will be exciting and we look forward to sharing it with you.

Love,
Mom, Bill, Heather and
Allison



David Peterson

You have been a blessing to us in countless ways since the day you came to us. It has always been a privilege to be your parents. Always remember we love you.

Mom and Dad

Jared Gilbert

Simply put, You're the best!
With our love, pride and
joy,

Mom, Dad and Julia



Jodi Lynn Wineinger

You are about to accomplish something you have worked hard for. Through the ups and downs of life you have turned from a quiet, shy, young girl to an outgoing, fun young woman. Keep up the good work. Always remember we love you and wish you all the happiness in the world.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Matthew, and Suzie



Niema Nichols

Congratulations! You have always been a hard worker. Don't forget the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Love,
Dad, Mom and Cyrus

Stephanie Roskamp

We're so proud of how intelligent and beautiful your life has turned out to be. Good luck in the years to come.

Love,
Mom, John and Harley



Josh Brott

Congratulations Joshua. You'll always be our Big Boy!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Jacob and Joseph



Kathleen Streeter

Congratulations Kathleen! What a special gift a daughter is. We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. Success will be yours. Now, as you move on to college and begin to build a life of your own, always remember how much we love you.

Mom and Dad

Marci Ann Simonini

You were a wonder to us then. You are amazing to us now. We are so proud of you and all your hard work and accomplishments. All our love Baby Girl.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Jay and Nick



Colene Kelly

We love you

We're very proud!

Your Mom and Dad



Katy Harris

From the very first day that your big eyes mesmerized us, you have been a very important part of our lives. We wish the very best for you in the years to come. We pray you'll keep Jesus first in your life always. We love you very much.

Daddy, Mamma, Kory,
Kody, and Kelsy

Aaron Thiese

For a guy who never gives up!
May you enjoy success and
satisfaction in your pursuits and
perseverences!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Kaia and
Nate



Cathy Claycomb

Congratulations on all of your
achievements! You couldn't
have made us any prouder!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Kari (Monkey)

One of the proudest days of my life was when the doctor told me I had a new baby daughter. Since that day I've always been very proud of you in everything you have done. From me to you and from my heart to your heart: I love you and I'm very proud of you and I will always be there for you.

Love,
Dad

Kari Greenlee

As you and I looked through your baby pictures it brought back very happy memories. Your laughter and smiles brought sunshine to every day and still does. Always stay strong and determined and your dreams will always come true.

I am very proud of you, but
most of all proud to be your Mom.

Love, Mom

May your goals in life reach
the stars!



As our granddaughter and Grandpa's Princess, you have brought much joy to our lives. We are so very proud of your accomplishments and hope all your future expectations will be attained. We'll always be here for you with love in our hearts and an extended helping hand when the need arises. We admire, love and respect the beautiful, talented young lady you've become.

Love always,
Granma & Granpa Meyer

Billy and Bryan Howe



It's been a privilege to be a part of your lives. You have each brought us much, much joy. We are so proud of you Billy, and you, Bryan! Good luck in all you do!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Chad Murray

Stay as caring as you are!
I love you!

Love,
Mom

Ryan Johnson

To Ryan with love:
Ryan always loved to skate when he was young. We can't believe how fast you've skated through high school. Good luck in college. Don't skate too fast! Take your time.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Adam



Ayesha Abdullah

You learned at an early age "NOT to let grass grow under your feet". Ayesha, you are a remarkable young lady and we are proud to have been blessed to have you as a member of our family. You have achieved much in the past years, and with your loving, caring and giving attitude for life, we look forward to being there supporting you in all your endeavors for success. We love you!

Mom, Dad, Vaness, Muhammad,
Aaron, Carmen and Naeem

Mia Hopkins



"Mia"

You're smart, cute and sweet
as can be,

It should have taken four, but
you did it in three.

And your Mom is as proud as
she can be!!



Mike Kelly

No matter how you choose to
dress yourself for the future, we
know you'll be successful!

Love,
Dad, Mom & Kyle

Katie McGrath

Believe in yourself and you can
achieve all your dreams and de-
sires. We are proud of you.

All our love always,
Dad, Mom, Maureem and
Molly



Jessica Harding

Little Princess

When we see that beautiful
smile, we think of all the love you've
brought to this family. You have
accomplished a lot in your young life,
and you will continue to succeed be-
cause of your faith and determination.
God blessed us the day you were born.
Good Luck!

Love Ya Sissy,
Mom, Dad, Jen and Jodi



Tim Schnoor

Congratulations, Tim on all you have accomplished. We wish you the BEST in whatever you do.

Love,
Dad, Mom and Steve

*Nicholas M.
Brockman*

Even back then Nick, you liked to cheeze and wear uncomfortable hats.
Best of luck next year.

Love,
Mom, Tim and
Michelle



Tim Sipma

Through the years you've given us adventures and thrills with all your "spills". Happiness and pride has come with all your accomplishments. From Timothy games, to Fatboy, to Tammy, and Tim in-between, you gave us laughter and tears. For your admiration of your Dad, friendship to your Mom, and respect to both, we thank you. Your future is as bright as you are.

Go for it, Son.
Love,
Dad and Mom



Sally Allan

To my Dear Sally,

It seems like yesterday when you walked off to kindergarten. I wiped away tears then and I'll wipe them again as you graduate and enter college. You have accomplished many goals with your hard work and determination.

I am so very proud of you and the truly beautiful, caring person you are. You fill my life with happiness and my heart with joy. I am thankful you're my daughter and grateful you're my friend.

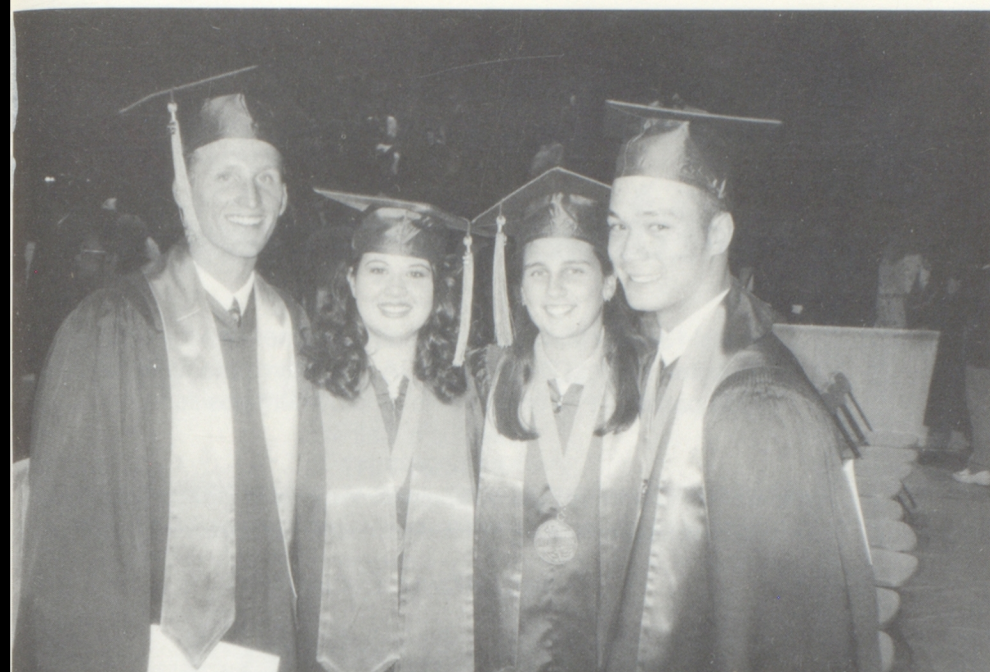
God Bless You honey!
Love always,
Mom



Amy Jane Lee

My sweet baby,
Welcome to the world! We thank
God for us to have you. Let your
life path shine for others.

Love,
Mom and Dad

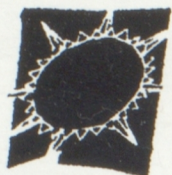


Thank you for
being my
friends!

**Congratulations to all of you! I
know you will all be successful in
whatever you choose to do in life.
Good Luck!**

Marci





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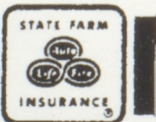
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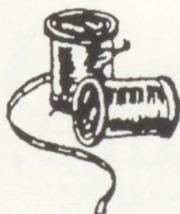
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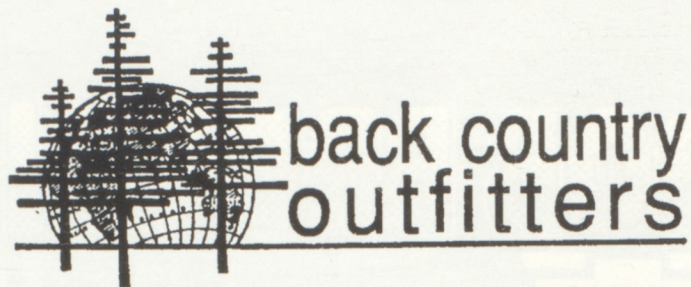
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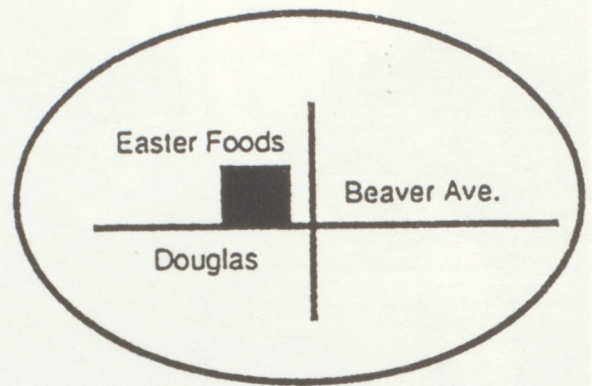
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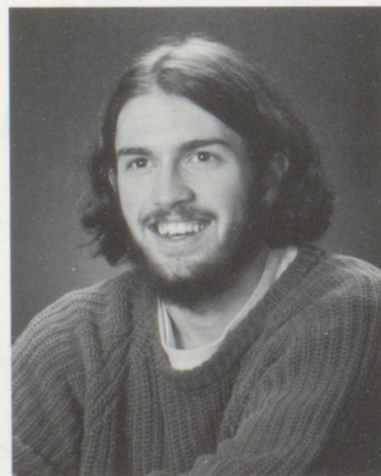
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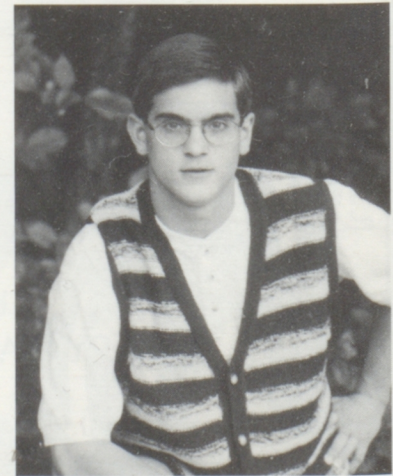
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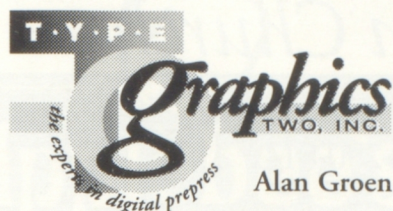


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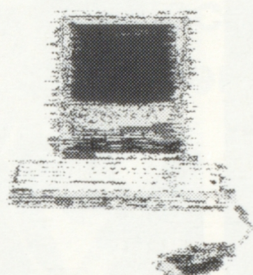




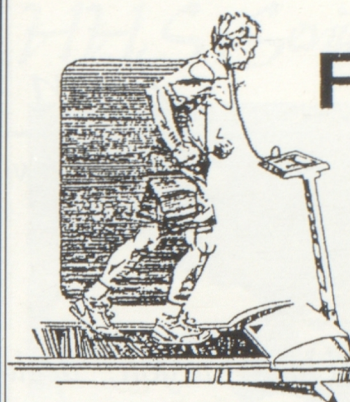
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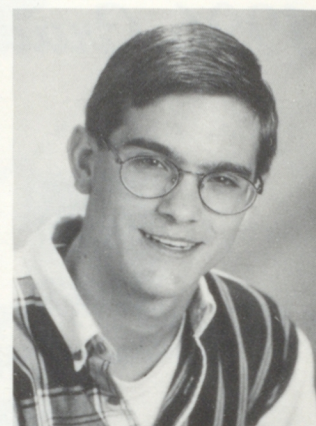
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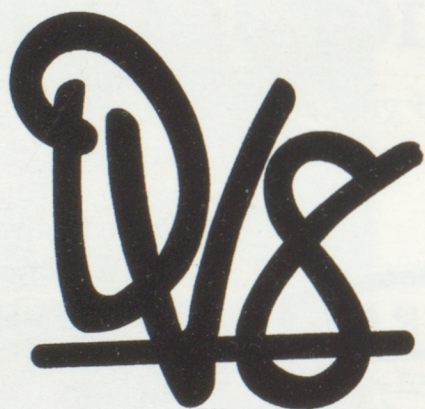
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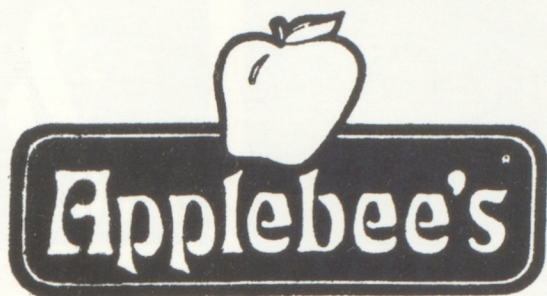


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*C-ya!*

*Katy*

*and*

*Amy*



*Wow - we have had some pretty exciting times in the past two years... hiding under coats in Hoover's parking lot, practicing with straws, senior year homecoming, car dancing, brush with death at Fazolis, floating, dimes, Friday night fun, size 36!!, 3 piece LJS, blue toenails, where are those darn dinky horses?, and that unforgettable journey down the should have been black blue hill which we thought was another bunny. Hey Katy did you put that there? Hey, are you girls twins? How many minutes are you apart?*

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*Spring Break 96... what an adventure. We made a lot of memories that week I'm sure we'll cherish forever. Thanks for all the good times! You are the best friends anyone could ever hope to have. We've been through so much these past four years (Waldo watching, Amy's b-day bashes, sophomore year, and Lela's poof of 92-95) it's amazing we got out alive! Remember, it's "IRIE" mon!*



*Good luck to us all next year!*

*Love,*

*Beth, Janet, Amy, and Lela*



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**Rough and Ready** – Sophomore catcher Grant Noah awaits the throw from third baseman Charlie Baumert at practice on May 29.



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**Going for the Gold** – Freshman Frank Chambers competes in the 50-yard dash at the Special Olympics that took place at East High School.



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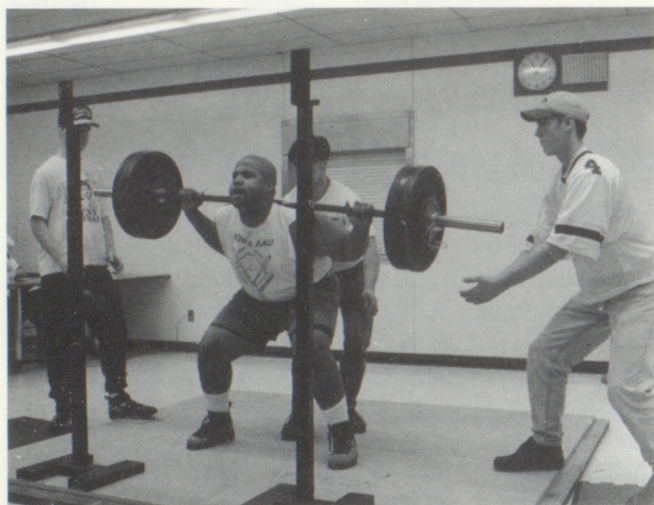


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**On Wall Street today** — Senior Rich Nagel reads up on local news while he enjoys breakfast in Chicago, where he traveled with the Concert and Harmony Choirs.



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**Walkin' it off** - Senior Marlon Morales is helped off the field after being injured in a game against Johnston on May 18.

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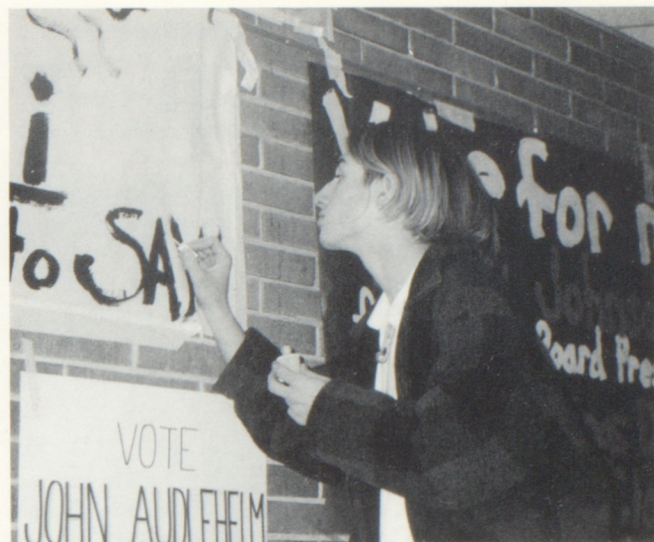


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**Vote for me** - Junior Jay Brommel touches up his poster for the Senior Board Elections on May 30. Brommel ran for president.

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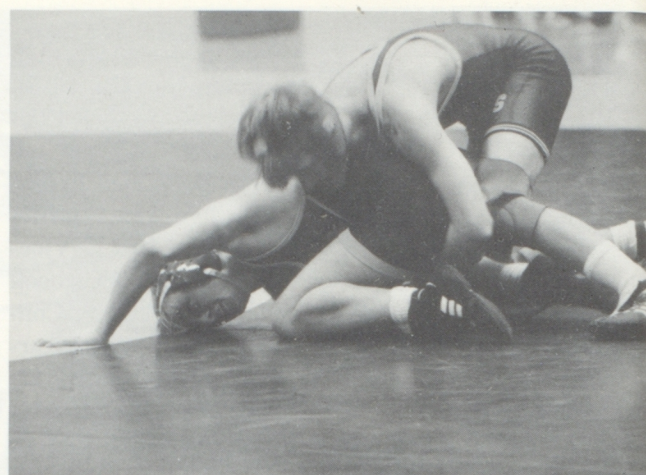


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**Make your move**—Junior Dan Parker waits for a chance to pin his Johnston opponent at the meet on Feb. 7.

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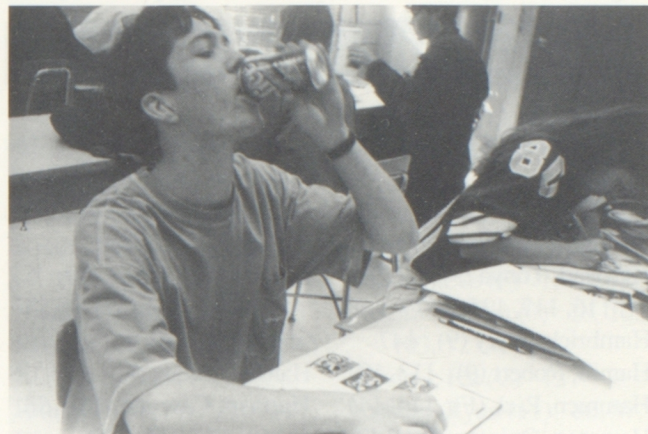


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**Quench your thirst**—Senior Fran Martin takes a sip from his pop during Bob Wilkerson's second period Graphic Arts class.

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Here comes the hotstepper — Freshman Chris Kuilema dances to "Stayin' Alive" during the disco contest on Feb. 22.

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Proving a point — Senior James Gramaldi explains his views on current issues in Kirk Johnson's room on April 16.



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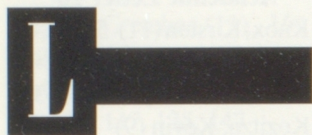
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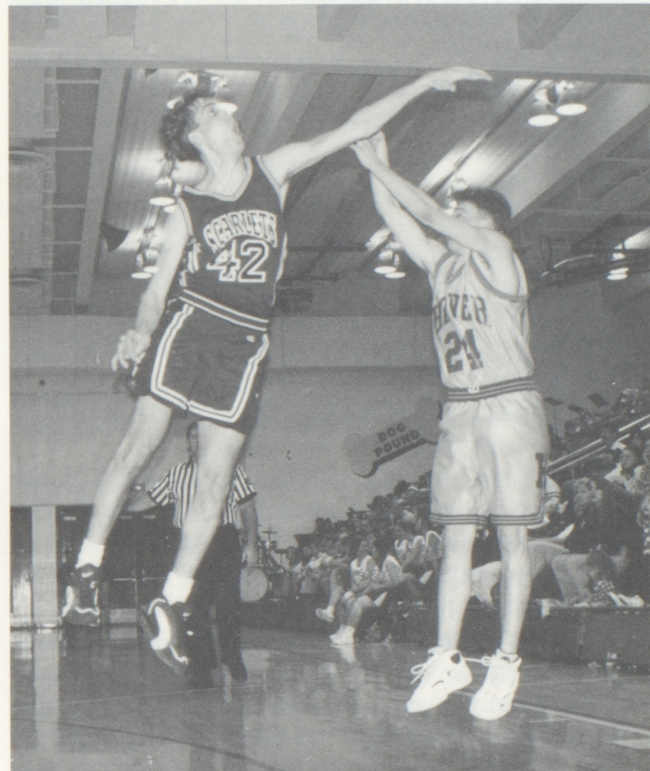


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**Before the buzzer** – Sophomore Dave Newman gets the shot off before times up despite the blocking attempts of an East guard.

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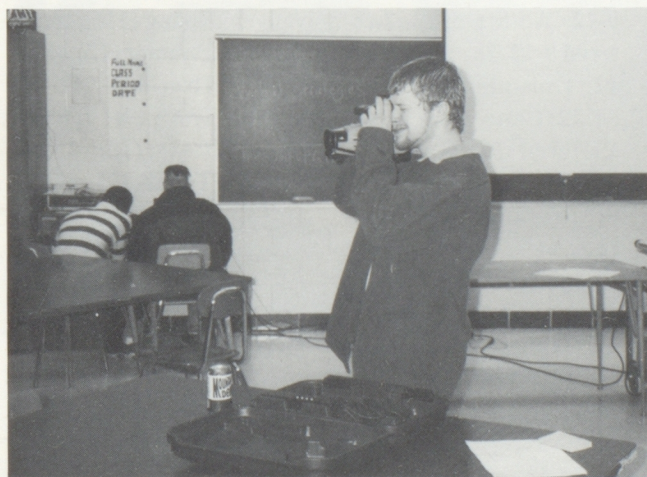


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**Behind the scenes** – Senior Ryan Dawson reviews the footage he just shot for the video yearbook during Radio/T.V. class



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**Bravo! —** Director Denis Hildreth gathers the cast of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" to congratulate them on their excellent performance.

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**Pump, you up —** Senior Billy Howe tries to get the crowd pumped up for the varsity boy's basketball game at the Winter Formal assembly on Feb. 23.



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**Visions of victory** - Junior Bob Shearon races towards the finish line in the 4x800 relay at Hoover on April 9.

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**Sound production** — Sophomore Clifford Hobbs works behind the scenes in the sound booth controlling all the sound productions.



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**A colorful pathway** – Seniors Katy Harris and Amy Hanlon lead the Timers and Yell Leader Club through the green and gold tunnel of spirit at the Winter Formal Assembly on Feb. 23.

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ball Manager 9-12; Wres-



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**Qué pasa muchacho?** – Sophomore Mike Schult dons a sombrero for Crazy Hat day, one of the Spirit Days during the Homecoming Spirit Week.



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## Suleiman — Zuniga

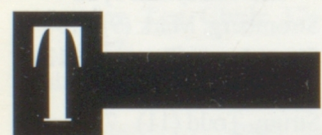
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**A grand feast** — Students relax and enjoy the food at the Diversity Luncheon, one of the activities sponsored by ICP during Diversity Week.



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**Feel the burn** — Sophomore Kelly Nelson kicks into high gear as she rounds the bend and heads for the homestretch of her cross country race.

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**Sneak attack** – Sophomore Isaac Emerson tackles his opponent from behind and knocks the ball free.

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**A new décor** – Sophomores Brenda Bass and Sarah Hinchcliff help redecorate the gym to add a bit of green and gold spirit.

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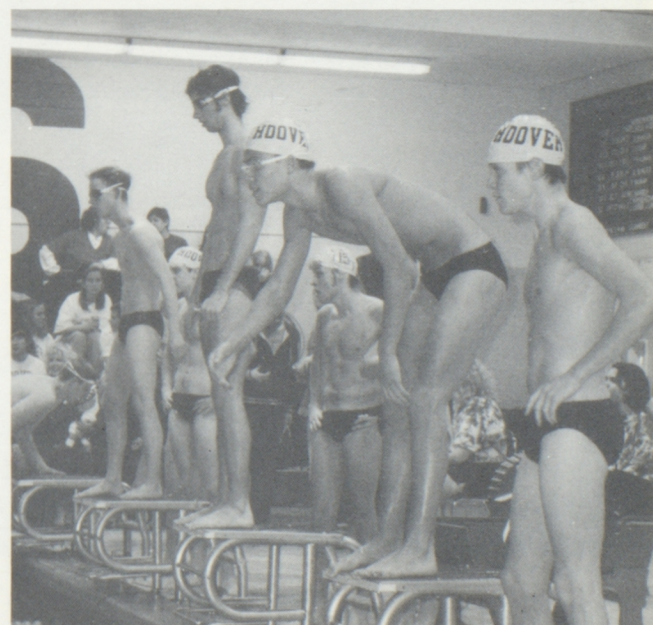


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**Taking the plunge** – Junior Scott Johnson gets ready to dive as senior Chad Murray looks on at the Hoover pool against Lincoln on Jan. 18

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# Colophon

Change was the name of the game for the 1996 Husky staff. The changes started at the end of the 1995 school year. The decision was made to have two classes of yearbook the next year instead of the usually one. At that point in time, the yearbook staff decided to change a few things about the yearbook. They changed the size from the standard size to the college size yearbook, they decided to decrease the number of pages and they even decided to switch rooms. ( Well, maybe that wasn't there decision, but it was a change of pace then from years past.) All those changes, along with many others little changes in the book, added together to make the yearbook and the yearbook staff have a unique quality that is all it's own.

The 1996 Husky consisted of 240 pages. The headlines were in Bodoni PosterCompressed, with each Section Editor picking his/her own headline style. The body copy was done in Times 10 point, the photo kickers Times 9 point bold, the captions Times 8 point, and the photo credits Times 6 point italics. Pagekickers were done in Bodoni PosterCompressed 36 point and 12 point. Each Section Editor chose the design for the page layouts in his/her section.

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**Can I take a message** – Senior Jake Smith takes a break from working on his pages to make a few phone calls during the third period yearbook class. Smith worked as a co-editor of the sophomore pages.



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All in good

fun—Despite

all the work

and all the

problems, the

staff did man-

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# Thanks...

It's been a wild year for us in yearbook. All the changes, many of which were unexpected, and sometimes unappreciated, made this year a crazy one. From changing rooms in the middle of the year to losing almost half of the yearbook pages, it's been a bumpy ride putting this yearbook together. Through all the ups and downs, there were several people whose support and help was priceless to us. Those people were always there to lend a helping hand and with their precious time and effort we were able to produce a book that I am proud to put my name on. I want to say thank you to...

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Thank you for everything. It was an interesting, entertaining and definitely a memorable year.

Marci Simonini

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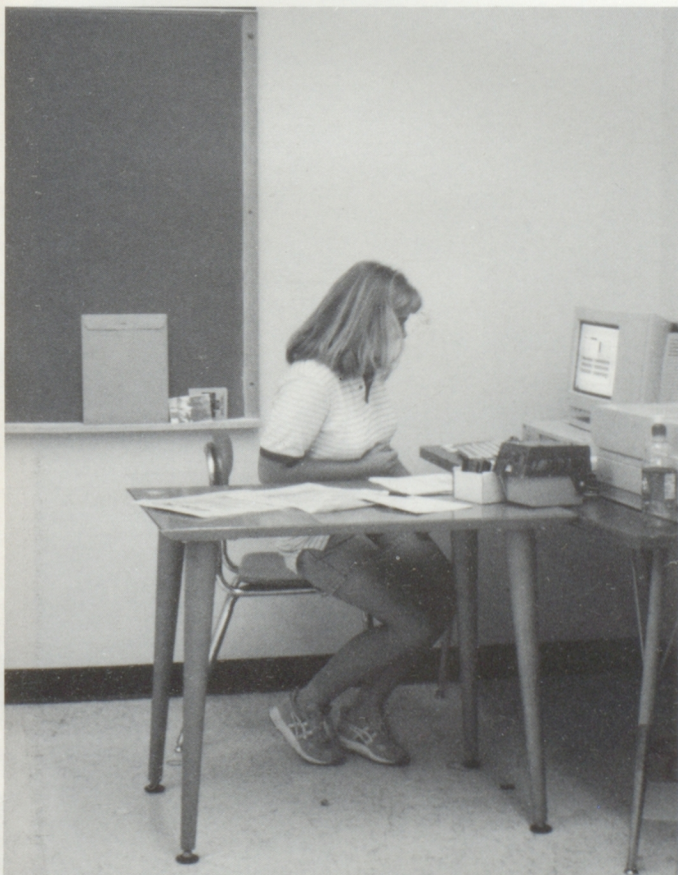


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**Slaving away** — Index editor, senior Janet Buckley, works hard day and night to finish up the Index before deadline. Buckley also worked as Faculty editor.



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**What do you think?** — Co-sports editor Jon Talcott asks junior Nga Lam what she thinks a good photo kicker would be. Lam was in charge of Baby Ads.

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by Marci Simonini





# HERBERT HOOVER HIGH SCHOOL

## Summer Dream

There's a silence drawn on every face. Some want to go some want to stay. There's a large step to be made in the human race, represented by graduation and grades.

The school will close, for a mere amount of months, a season, at least; a blink of the eye at most. Yet the dawn of each summer day will haze the eyes of those who wait.

A few will be lost, and hard to replace; their time was well spent; much more than a waste. For those who return, with skin all a burn, the year will begin--and the chance to learn.

The summer just past, will be yet another, to add to the collection of all the others. Sentimental times we share, some prefer the term easy, while others, hard to bear. This is the time, so we are told, to make the rest of our lives unfold.

Each year, however, the summers become even better. Each year, we frown the up coming weather. Tough it out we shall do, for another summer is a brew.

--Steve Whitney



